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## Crude oil prices hit record $68 a barrel

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Crude oil prices on Thursday hit a record $68 a barrel on fears of storms near the Gulf of Mexico, before edging lower to below $67 a barrel.

Even so, the International Monetary Fund said Asian growth could be derailed, and warned of high inflation in Indonesia and the Philippines.

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## For the fun and funds of it

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Tarra Quismundo

IT WAS done in fun and for fund-raising, according to Malacañang in explaining Metro Manila Development Authority Chair

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# Gov't deploys 'enercops'

## Energy audit team to conduct surprise spot checks on all agencies

By Christine O. Avendaño

TEAMS of "energy police" will conduct spot checks to ensure compliance with a directive for government offices to cut power use by at least 10 percent.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has instructed the "enercops" to make surprise visits to grade government offices on compliance with the energy saving measures.

The measures range from raising air-conditioning temperatures in offices to unplugging computers to holding "virtual meetings."

"At this time of burden sharing, the government needs to show the way," the President said in an address aired on the government TV station NBN 4.

"Even before asking the private sector, civil society and households to help, the government should show how much we can discipline ourselves in this time of high oil prices," she said.

Ms Arroyo warned Saturday that rising oil prices threaten the country's foreign exchange reserves as well as its energy supply. For every $10 increase in world crude oil prices, the Philippines has to spend an extra $1.26 billion of its

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RUN. WALK. Hold virtual meetings. These are some of President Arroyo's proposals to stress her energy conservation program during a round-table forum at the Palace on Thursday, which was televised live.

## RP worker killed in Iraq attack; 2 more hurt

By Volt Contreras and Jerome Aning

INSURGENTS ambushed a convoy carrying workers of the US electronics firm Lucent Technologies in Iraq's volatile northern city of Kirkuk, killing a Filipino and wounding two of his compatriots the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

The fatality was identified as Federico Samson, said DFA spokesperson Gilberto Asuque.

Samson died along with two Iraqis in the attack early Wednesday on the convoy transporting the Filipinos from the oil-rich city to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. He was the third Filipino to die this year in the war in Iraq.

The wounded Filipinos were Pedro Galila and Roderick Tayo, according to Asuque. They have been declared out of danger after being flown to Baghdad for

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## Impeachment battle shifts to psywar

By Philip C. Tubeza

HOUSE Majority Leader Prospero Nograles yesterday said he was holding secret talks with at least seven lawmakers who were considering withdrawing from the impeachment complaint filed against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

But the opposition remained upbeat. Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano said two more lawmakers were set to join the complaint. "The next few days will be critical," he said.

The opposition has only mustered 46 votes, 33 shy of the magic number of 79, or one-third of the House membership of 236, needed to move the complaint to immediate trial in the Senate.

Nograles said most congressmen were

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## Christie's offers to sell Imelda's gems

By Alcuin Papa and Michelle V. Remo

NEARLY every year, the government announces that the fabulous jewelry of Imelda Marcos is up for grabs.

Now comes London-based auction house Christie's which has proposed to the Presidential Commission on Good Government a two-part auction of jewelry once owned by the widow of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Harco Van den Oever, managing director of Christie's in Europe, yesterday told reporters that if plans pushed through, the auction would be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in November 2005 and May 2006—"peak seasons" for any auction house, he said.

The PCGG had earlier said it expected to raise about $10 million from the auction.

The jewelry was seized by US Customs in Honolulu, Hawaii, where the Marcoses fled in February 1986 and where the dictator died in 1989. It is being held

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## Gov't to feed 7.5M pupils with 'NutriVEN'

By Michael Lim Ubac

IT'S BIG, it's ambitious, and it may well be the most extensive mass feeding program in Philippine history.

The government is planning to serve free "vitamin-enriched noodles" to 7.5 million public school children every school day next year, Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. announced yesterday.

Andaya, chair of the House appropriations committee, said the feeding program was aimed at reducing malnutrition among public school children, particularly those in the first, second and third grades.

"Due to economic hardship, more Filipinos admit in surveys [that they] skip meals," Andaya said. "By serving food to hungry kids ... schools will beckon as places where meals—and lessons—are served, where the hunger for knowledge and food are both satisfied."

The program, which will cost P1.5 billion (or P200 per pupil for 180 schooldays), was included in the proposed P1-trillion budget for 2006 that

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## Love means not overfeeding your children

By Christian V. Esguerra

LOVE means not feeding your children too often. It may be dangerous to their health.

A diabetology specialist yesterday sounded the alarm over the growing number of Filipino children stricken with diabetes, specifically its "Type 2" variation. This triggers cardiovascular diseases among adults.

Part of the reason is that many parents are overfeeding their children with a steady diet teeming with fat and bad cholesterol, said Dr. Araceli Panelo, executive director of the Institute for Studies

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# Jueteng lords not sold on Bingo Combo

By Christian V. Esguerra

BINGO Combo, the new multi-million-peso game of chance purportedly being readied by Malacañang to replace "jueteng," does not enjoy the support of the country's alleged biggest illegal gambling lords.

Confessed former jueteng operator Wilfredo "Boy" Mayor yesterday said Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, Charing Magbuhos, Tony Santos and Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez had shot down the proposal for the new game fearing it would elbow them out of the gambling business.

That's because Bingo Combo would put them on equal footing with other gambling operators who would apply for franchises from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor). It would also limit their take and curtail their plans to expand their operations, Mayor said.

"Bingo Combo runs against their plan to expand their jueteng operations from their usual turf to the rest of the country," Mayor told the INQUIRER.

### 'Fixing' cops

On paper, he said, operators also stood to earn relatively little from the game. But in reality, he said, the take could amount to millions just like jueteng – with a little "creativity."

Based on the guidelines believed to have been issued by Pagcor, each Bingo Combo betting station would be entitled to seven percent of the gross bets but would have to pay a 10 percent tax. Mayor furnished the INQUIRER a copy of the seven-page document titled "Procedural Guidelines for Bingo Combo Betting Station Operators."

"We initially agreed to declare only 20 percent of our total revenues," he said. "The remaining 80 percent would go to our pockets because the 7 percent would go to payola for local executives."

Part of the remainder would be spent to "fix" local policemen in exchange for ensuring that the game would be undisturbed, he said. In Regions 1 to 5 alone, he said Bingo Combo was targeting daily revenues of at least P80 million.

Mayor said he knew all these because he was one of the first people approached by a certain Jun Marasigan early this year to set up a betting station. He said he received the offer because of his knowledge of the workings of jueteng in Bicol.

Back then, he said, the plan was to introduce Bingo Combo after Sept. 15, the deadline the President has set for the total eradication of jueteng nationwide.

In an interview at the launch yesterday of Serbisyo Muna!, a joint project of the Departments of Agriculture, Health, Social Welfare and Development, and Public Works and Highways and the Philippine National Police, in partnership with Pagcor, Dodie King, Pagcor spokesperson, explained why the gaming agency had denied there was a plan to launch Bingo Combo.

### 'It never got off'

"Because it never got off. *Yung* proposal *nasa* department level *lang*

*(The proposal was only in the department level)," King said.*

"There was supposed to be a 30-day testing period last year prior to final evaluation but it never materialized because there were some technical requirements that we wanted but the proponent was not able to comply with them," he said.

Asked who the proponent of Bingo Combo was and if he was a Filipino or a foreigner, King replied: "We would rather leave the name of the proponent out of the issue to honor his privacy because *wala namang nasimulan* (nothing was started). But there was a foreign component to the proponent "because of the software. The software is usually expensive."

He also wished Archbishop Oscar Cruz had verified the status of Bingo Combo before coming out with another exposé.

"*Marami na siyang* release to the media without verifying and the information is wrong. The point we're raising is our doors are open to his question; but if he's not satisfied then he goes to the media. The sad thing is *pari pa naman siya. Sabi nga nila* (he is a priest. As they say,) "Thou shall not bear false witness."

But Malacañang yesterday continued to disavow any knowledge of "Bingo Combo," branding claims that it was pushing for a legal alternative to jueteng as misleading.

"The accusation on the so-called legalized jueteng is a ploy to confuse the public and to sow disinformation," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said. *With Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Nikko Dizon, Luige A. del Puerto and TJ Burgonio*

**DOCUMENTS** expert Segundo Tabayoyong inspects the bundles of documents seized from his rented house in San Mateo recently. The documents were returned to him and former Sen. Loren Legarda yesterday. REM ZAMORA

'CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE'

# Loren's papers returned

By Tarra V. Quismundo

IN DILAPIDATED boxes that once held biscuits and cigarettes, the opposition's purported proof of administration-machinated cheating in the last elections was returned to its owners yesterday afternoon.

But the contents of the boxes were met with reservations, as "many miracles" could have happened since they were seized in a raid of an opposition safehouse in San Mateo, Rizal, last week, according to losing opposition vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda.

"Our acceptance is conditional. They (ERs) could have been replaced with fake documents. They (raiders) may have added or took some [of the papers], photocopied them... many miracles may have happened," Legarda said.

The Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-National Capital Region (CIDG-NCR) returned 13 boxes of election returns (ERs) and personal belongings to Legarda and Segundo Tabayoyong, a document expert who is the lead witness in the electoral protest filed by Legarda against Vice President Noli de Castro.

The boxes were transported in an L300 van from CIDG headquarters at Camp Crame, Quezon City, to the LPL Tower building on Legaspi Street in Makati City where Legarda owned a 9th floor unit.

Supt. Wilben Mayor, CIDG-NRC intelligence and investigation division chief, said the boxes contained 41 bundles of original and photocopied ERs and Tabayoyong's belongings, all of which were "turned over" to the authorities by the owner of the house Tabayoyong was staying in.

The ERs included the duplicate copies the dominant minority party in the last elections, the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino, was entitled to. Legarda ran for vice president under the KNP banner alongside standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr.

Poe's own protest against President Macapagal-Arroyo was junked by the Supreme Court sitting as the Presidential Electoral Tribunal after the actor died in December last year.

"Comelec (Commission on Elections) officials did the inventory after the turnover and the police never touched them (ERs). We only helped as far as legwork in carrying them [from place to place]," Mayor said.

After the inventory, the ERs, which Tabayoyong had been examining since May 26, 2004, were placed in the boxes provided by the police, Mayor said. The boxes were then sealed with masking tape and signed by San Mateo election officer Pancho Rivera.

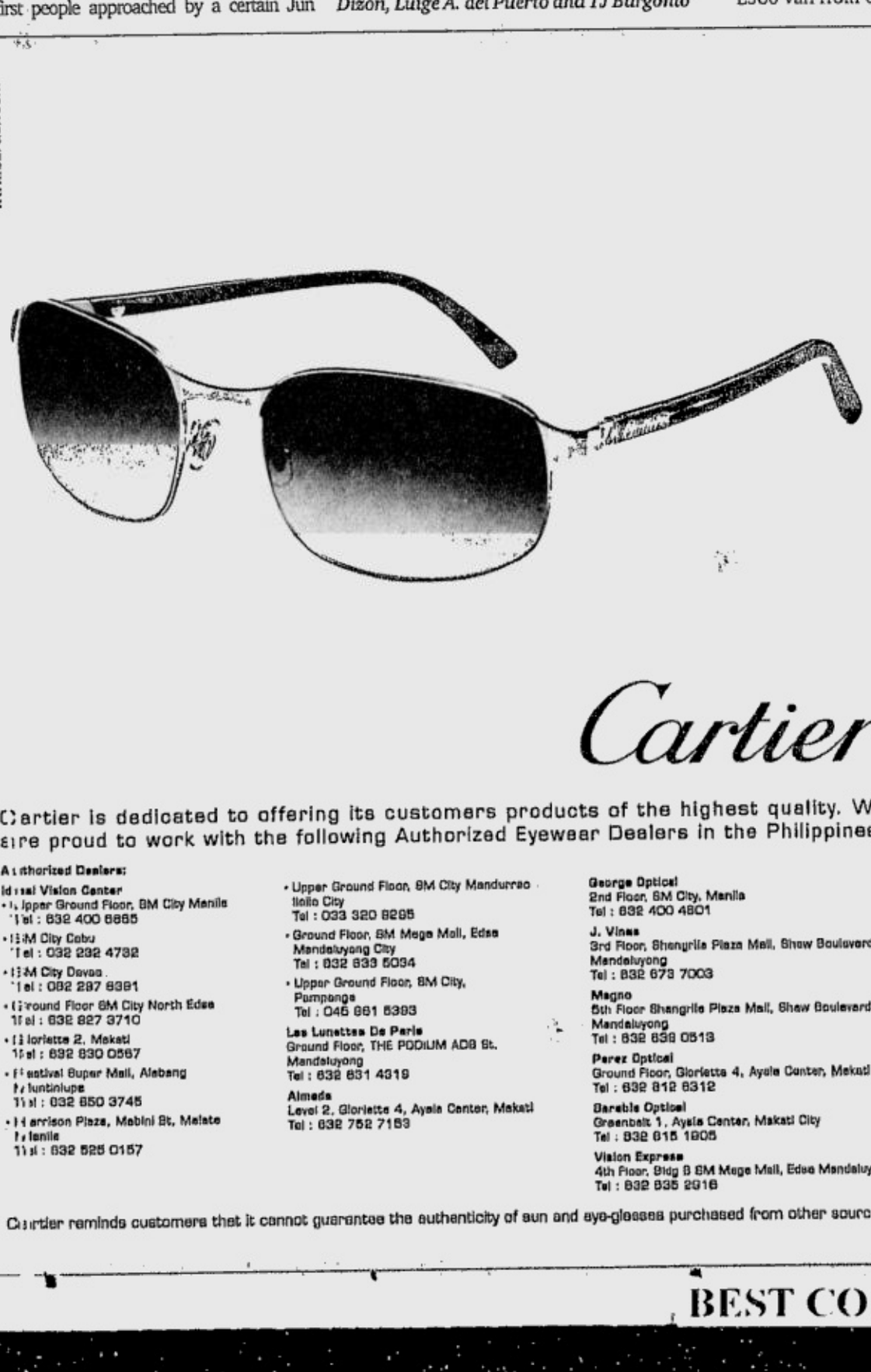
On Legarda's questioning, Mayor said the documents were not photocopied or shown to a third party. Whether or not Mayor was telling the truth, Tabayoyong said it would be easy to find out.

"If they thought about making new ones (ERs), it would be easy to find out. I will smell it if they did something," said Tabayoyong, former chief of the National Bureau of Investigation's Questioned Documents Division.

Legarda said she would leave it to Tabayoyong and her counsel, Demaree Raval, to decide whether to press charges against the police and the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, which also took part in the seizure, for the raid that was conducted without a warrant.

The police, however, maintained they did not enter the safehouse uninvited and it was the house's owner who showed them in.

A series of correspondence between the police and Legarda's camp this week led to the agreement to return the documents – which had been verified as "authentic" by the Commission on Elections – on Thursday. *With Luige del Puerto*




'HELLO GARCI'

# Congress wants tapes authenticated elsewhere

By Philip C. Tubeza

CONGRESS will seek the help of other foreign law enforcement agencies, or even a credible local sound forensic expert, to authenticate the "Gloriagate" tapes after the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) refused to do so, the lead chair in the congressional inquiry into the tapes said yesterday.

Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla said the five committees conducting the investigation would seek the help of law enforcement agencies from the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, or Australia. The FBI had refused to authenticate since private experts had already examined the tapes.

This developed as administration officials urged the committees to reconsider their decision to have the tapes authenticated.

"We're back to square one so we will try to find other options. We'll wait for the feedback from the UK. If they turn us down, we'll find a local credible audio forensic expert," Remulla said.

He was reacting to National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco's statement on Wednesday that US Embassy Legal Attache Stephen Cutler had informed the government about the FBI's decision to turn down its request to have the tapes authenticated.

### 'Partisan'

Remulla said that he and the chairs of the four other committees would decide on Monday, when they resume their hearings, on what to do next.

Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez, a member of the joint inquiry, scored Wycoco for making the announcement.

"I do not know why it's Director Wycoco who is making the announcement. It was the House committee on public order that was tasked to coordinate with the FBI, not an apparent partisan like the NBI director," he said.

"He should not have jumped the gun on Congress," he added.

But for administration Representatives Monico Puentevella (Bacolod City), Aurelio Umali (Nueva Ecija), and Benasing Macarambon (Lanao del Sur), the FBI decision should lead the five committees to reconsider their decision to have the tapes examined.

They said that authenticating the tapes, which allegedly contained wiretapped conversations of President Macapagal-Arroyo and an election official, meant "recognizing and giving credibility to an illegally sourced material," violating the Anti-Wiretapping Law (RA 4200).

"This is outside the purview of the investigation which is to introduce amendments to RA 4200. Even in the impeachment hearings or trial, authentication is of no use," he said.

### 'Rat race'

He said opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson and former Sen. Francisco Tatad were to blame for the FBI decision since they had the tapes authenticated by private companies.

"As if in a rat race, they had the tapes authenticated by companies of their own choice and got their money's worth. But the results are useless. That's the problem when some people suffer from an overdose of propensity for black propaganda to achieve their vested political interests," Puentvella said.

The House inquiry is set to resume on Monday to investigate how former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, the official Ms Arroyo allegedly talked to, was able to slip out of the country.

Remulla said officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Bureau of Immigration, the Air Transportation Office, and the Aviation Security Command had been invited to attend the hearing.

The country's two largest telecoms firms were also supposed to submit the President's cellular billing records on Monday but this was deferred so that the inquiry could focus on how Garcillano escaped.

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# Enrile says defection had Erap's blessing

By TJ Burgonio, Nelson F. Flores and Christine O. Avendaño

SENATOR Juan Ponce Enrile's move to forge a "working coalition" with the 14-man majority in the Senate had the approval of opposition party leader former President Joseph Estrada.

"I cleared it with the president of the Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino (PMP), Erap," Enrile, who chairs PMP, told reporters yesterday. "And then I discussed this with Senator (Jinggoy) Estrada and Sen. Dr. Loi Estrada."

"He (the senior Estrada) agreed. He allowed me to go ahead and establish a working coalition with the majority in the Senate."

Enrile on Wednesday announced he had decided to align himself with members of the majority, most of them allies of President Macapagal-Arroyo, because he wanted to ensure the passage of key legislation.

The Palace yesterday said the addition of Enrile to the Senate majority was a "welcome development."

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that the Palace believed Enrile when he said that his decision to move to the Senate majority was for the national interest. "We thank Senator Enrile for taking such a position because this is the same position taken by the President, that unity should be based on the national interest," he said.

But Estrada yesterday denied speculations that Enrile's move was part of a reconciliation deal with the administration.

Estrada, through his spokesperson former Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, said Enrile's joining the Senate majority was for a "working purpose only." He said Enrile would cooperate with the administration as long as it would serve the interest of the people but that his cooperation would end there.

"Enrile is still not a member of the administration coalition. His transfer to the majority block entailed no compromise," Estrada said. "The move was only meant to help the passage of bills that would help the economy."

Enrile himself stressed his jump had nothing to do with earlier reconciliation talks between the Arroyo and Estrada camps. "The basis is personal to me and second it's for the interest of the country," he said.

He insisted he would stay on as PMP chair and opposition senator.

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He added, "I have to work with some people to put across legislation. So now, like this anti-trust measure, I can't push this alone. I have to push it with the help of other senators."

But Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid said Enrile joined the administration because he was furious with the minority bloc's move to replace him with Sen. Jamby Madrigal at the influential Commission on Appointments.

"They tried to replace him with Jamby. His ego was hurt," Lapid said in an interview. He recalled that Enrile had wanted to join the majority as early as June when the Senate adjourned sine die in June.

Enrile actually broke his ties with the minority after his former colleagues insinuated that he was an "opportunist" at the height of the debate on the expanded Value Added Tax measure.

Before the Senate adjourned sine die in June, he fought off moves by the minority bloc, led by Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., to oust him from the CA over his supposed "pro-administration" stance.

Pimentel said yesterday Enrile's decision virtually preempted the minority bloc from reviving its move to oust him from the CA.

"He knows we will take moves to oust him from the opposition and this makes his position in the CA a little shaky. We are happy that he spared us the trouble of having to oust him. We wish him well," he said in an interview.

He added, "I'm sure that the administration can make use of his vast talents and experience in governance."

Despite getting the senior Estrada's imprimatur, Enrile indicated he wasn't keen on seeking the Senate's top post, currently held by Senate President Franklin Drilon, head of the Liberal Party bloc in the upper chamber.

"You're giving me too much importance. Nobody ever suggested to me that I will become a Senate President. I've not thought of it, even in my dreams," he said.

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'DON'T MAKE US SCAPEGOATS'

# No RUT cuts, says Road Board

By Leila B. Salaverria

ROAD Board executive director Rodolfo Puno yesterday branded as "hogwash" the claims that its executives had approached lawmakers in hopes of forging a deal to get 30 percent of the latter's allocation from the Road Users' Tax (RUT) for road works.

Puno said it was not possible for the executives to deal with congressmen because the funds do not go to them but rather to engineering districts, as he said on Wednesday.

"That's hogwash. How is that possible? The funds don't even go to congressmen, they go to district engineers," he said in a phone interview.

Puno also said it was not possible for Road Board executives to get part of the allocation because the funds are bidded out to contractors through the Internet.

He welcomed the plan of the House committee on good governance to investigate how the Road Board determines the fund allocations for certain areas.

"I am very willing to explain to the congressmen how it's all being done, lay it all out," he said.

Bert Suansing, a member of the Road Board who represents the private sector, also said he was confident the lawmakers would find its processes and criteria objective and transparent.

"It's something we can defend even in Plaza Miranda," he added.

Suansing also said that once the hearings begin, it would be a good opportunity for the lawmakers to understand how the board works and see what it utilizes, like the World Bank program employed to determine where road works are needed.

But according to Puno, it may also be difficult to get lawmakers to understand how the Road Board works if they are intent on ascribing political intentions in its actions.

"Don't they say that the hardest to get to hear you are those who are playing deaf and the the hardest to get to see things are those pretending to be blind?" he asked.

He appealed to lawmakers to stop dragging the Road Board into politics.

"Do not make us the scapegoat. We have a perfectly legal program that's being dragged into political intrigues," he said.

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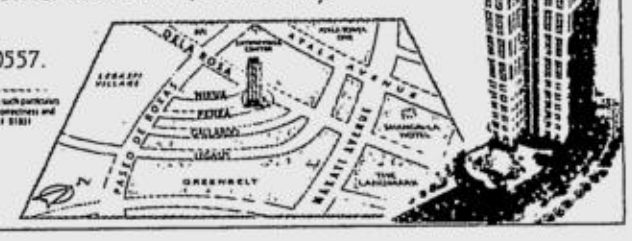

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SC RULING

# Tapes not enough to convict for libel

By Armand N. Nocum

ANOTHER bone to chew in the "Hello, Garci" wiretap controversy.

The Supreme Court has recently ruled that taped conversations and statements from radio will not be admissible as evidence in court unless they are authenticated by a witness who did the taping or by someone familiar with the voice being taped.

The tribunal issued the ruling in the libel case involving Cebu broadcaster Cirse Francisco "Choy" Torralba, where it cleared Torralba of libel after the court found that the integrity of an audio tape used as the main evidence was not established by the one who did the recording.

"In his comprehensive book on evidence, our former colleague, Justice Ricardo Francisco, wrote that '[e]vidence of a message or speech by means of radio broadcast is admissible as evidence when the speaker is established either by the testimony of a witness who saw him broadcast his message or speech, or by the witness' recognition of the voice of the speaker," said the tribunal in its Aug. 22 decision.

Thus, the court threw out as evidence the tape recording presented by Segundo Lim, who taped Torralba's alleged libelous statements in behalf of private complainant Manuel Hontanosas.

## Memory maligned

Hontanosas claimed in 1994 that in his radio program over Cebu City's dyFX radio on September 12, 1994, Torralba maligned and discredited the memory of the late Judge Agapito Y. Hontanosas by saying that he was a collaborator during the war.

The late judge was the father of lawyer Manuel Hontanosas.

Lim, presented by the complainant as one of his two witnesses, is an associate of the young Hontanosas in Tagbilaran Maritime Services Inc.

During the hearing at the Tagbilaran Regional Trial Court, Lim admitted that since "he did not know how to operate a tape recorder," he asked "his adopted daughter, Shirly Lim ... to record (Torralba's) program."

Despite Torralba's denial that he uttered the malicious statement and his assault of the failure of the RTC and the complainants to get Shirly to authenticate the tape, the court admitted it as evidence and sentenced Torralba to up to three years' imprisonment and to pay the fine of P1 million last August 2004.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling, but reduced the prison term to a little over two years and the fine to P100,000.

Torralba brought the case to the SC, claiming that the CA "gravely erred in affirming the decision of the lower court."

He claimed that the tape recording was "incompetent and inadmissible as evidence."

The second division of the high tribunal said, "We agree."

It added that the "party seeking the introduction in evidence of a tape recording bears the burden of going forth with sufficient evidence to show that the recording is an accurate reproduction of the conversation recorded."

## Requisites

The SC said "rudimentary rule of evidence" dictates that for a tape recording to be admissible in court, it must be established that the operator of the device was competent; the tape recordings were correct and authentic; that there must be "a showing that changes, additions, or deletions have not been made"; and that the identity of the speaker had been properly established.

"These requisites were laid down precisely to address the criticism of susceptibility to tampering of tape recordings. Thus, it was held that the establishment of a proper foundation for the admission of a recording provided adequate assurance that proper safeguards were observed for the preservation of the recording and its protection against tampering," the court said.

The SC said Shirly should have been "presented by the prosecution in order to lay the proper foundation for the admission of the purported tape recording."


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# Paying debt 'honorable thing' to do

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.
and Juliet Labog-Javellana

DESPITE the twin threats of eroding fiscal stability and surging oil prices, the government will religiously pay its debts because it is the "honorable thing" to do.

"We must pay our past and present obligations. Otherwise, we will face severe economic sanctions that will only ruin the Philippine economy," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said at a briefing yesterday.

The outstanding public sector debt amounted to P5.3 trillion as of December last year.

Malacañang is proposing a total of P721.7 billion in debt payments for next year, consisting of P340 billion in interest payments and P381 billion in principal amortization.

Interest payments, up 12 percent from this year's allocation, already account for a third of the proposed budget of P1.05 trillion for 2006.

Bunye said the Arroyo administration had little to do with the country's debts because these were "acquired from a chain of borrowings dating back to past administrations."

Administration Sen. Joker Arroyo holds a different view. Last year, the senator said "the borrowings of the three-year Arroyo administration are bigger than the combined borrowings of the (Fidel) Ramos and Erap (Joseph Estrada) administrations for eight years."

## Behest loans

A significant part of the country's debts are behest loans the Marcos regime granted to its cronies. These loans, which were later assumed by the government, are still being serviced by taxpayers.

There have been mounting calls for the government to seek debt relief from creditors over the past few years but the administration has brushed these suggestions aside.

Saying P931 million a day for interest payments was too much, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said she would ask the Senate to limit debt servicing in the 2006 national budget to levels that would match the growth of the Philippine economy.

"It appears that . . . we have already repaid twice our external debt. Further, we have paid our foreign creditors five times more in debt service than we have received as official development aid," Santiago said.

## Reduce debt service

Santiago said that in the budget deliberations, the government should try to avoid the terms imposed by the International Monetary Fund and deal directly with its creditors.

"We should support an international program to reduce debt service by 75 percent and to reduce the debt capital also by 75 percent. The Senate should even discuss the possibility of canceling one-third of the nonconcessional debt, as well as the long-term rescheduling of concessional loans," she said.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate finance committee, reiterated his call for the government to reduce its massive debts and seek debt relief.

He said international creditors would be the main beneficiaries of the national budget next year.

"Debt servicing continues to corner the bulk of the country's yearly budget and revenues, to the detriment of allotment for social services. The health, education and social welfare sectors have to take a back seat to interest payments. This vicious cycle has got to stop once and for all," Villar said.

## Cancel odious debts

He has filed Senate Bill No. 128 seeking to create a council for debt relief to review bilateral and multilateral loan agreements and treaties entered into by the government. The bill also seeks the cancellation of odious debts and restructuring of debts for easy payments.

Sen. Ralph Recto, chair of the Senate ways and means committee, said interest payments alone would likely exceed the P1-billion mark next year.

Sen. Mar Roxas, chair of the Senate committee on economic affairs, said the Senate would make a "very detailed examination" of the proposed budget.

Roxas noted that the proposed budget had a deficit target of P150 billion.

The Department of Finance has warned the government would likely miss its target of an extra P15 billion this year from higher taxes on tobacco and alcohol products, following weak first-half revenues from cigarettes.

## Bit carrot

In the House of Representatives, Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran said the budget talks should be deferred until President Macapagal-Arroyo was replaced.

Beltran said there was no point talking about the 2006 budget when there could be a new and different administration next year.

"This is yet another budget program that's severely twisted, seeing that like its predecessors it prioritizes foreign debt servicing and intelligence.

"The insensitivity of this administration is appalling. The times call for radical restructuring of the budget, to have it directed toward expenditures that will concretely and directly give aid to Filipinos and their ailing families. Public housing, education and health are sure to get the short end of the stick again," he said.

Beltran said he believed that the proposed budget would be used like a very big carrot to woo officials and dissuade them from abandoning Ms Arroyo. *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*

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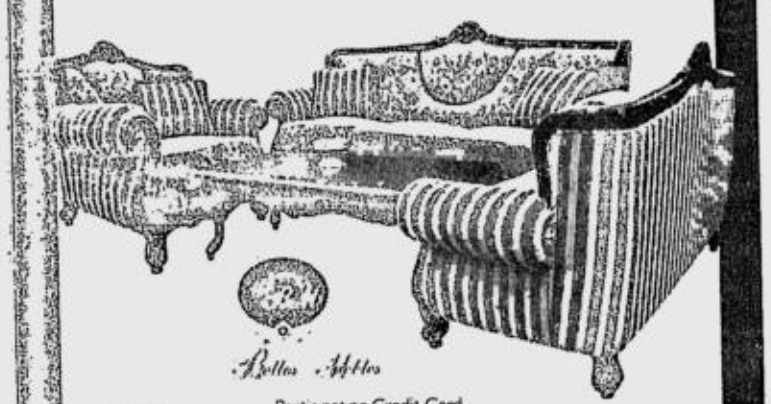

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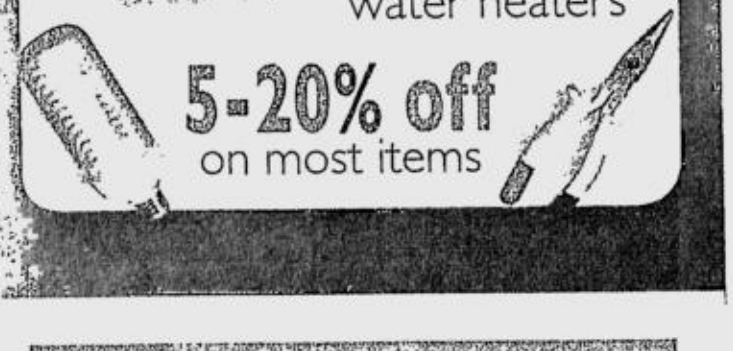

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# Judge guilty of bribery, gets 3 years

By Nelson Flores

THE SANDIGANBAYAN yesterday sentenced a municipal judge to three years of imprisonment after finding him guilty of indirect bribery.

Mabini, Batangas Municipal Circuit Court Judge Ramon Reyes was found guilty beyond reasonable doubt by the antigraft court's First Division.

Records showed that in 1996, Reyes initially demanded P240,000—but later reduced it to P15,000—from the mothers of three boys who were arrested for drug possession.

"It has been shown that there was an agreement between Reyes and the three complaining witnesses about the money to be given," the court, in a 23-page decision penned by Associate Justice Diosdado Peralta, said in choosing to believe the mothers—Nelia Evangelista, Maria Cordero and Nenita Dalangin.

The court further said that even if Reyes tested "negative" for the florescent powder, National Bureau of Investigation agents who entrapped Reyes in December 1996 found the envelop containing P3,000 in 20 old P100 bills and two P500 bills inside his drawer in his chamber.

"It is at once evident that Reyes could not satisfactorily explain why he required the complainants to put up the P15,000 although they were only able to put up P3,000," Peralta said.

The amount Reyes "demanded and received" could not have been for bail purposes because he was not in a position to fix bail for the drug cases of the mothers' sons—Primo Evangelista, Rex Cordero and Melvin Dalangin, the court noted.

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VALENZUELA CITY

BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 12:01AM (SAT., 08/27/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:00AM AND 4:30AM (SUN., 08/28/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALINTA 44YB

Portion of F. Dela Cruz St., Parada, Yakal and Sapphire Roads from near Maysan Road to and including North Luzon Expressway West Service Road, F. Santiago St., Hiyas Homes, Fortune Village Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Portion of North Luzon Expressway West Service Road from CDO Factory to and including Empire Motor Sales, YY Industrial Product Corp., Sulfate Chemicals, Ace Master Industries Corp., Dyna Ace Plastic Mfg., Mondial Textile Mills, Kingsland Enterprises and Pilipinas Hino.

Portion of Capt. Cruz St. from Parada Road to near Salazar St. in Bgy. Parada.

BETWEEN 11:30PM (SAT., 08/27/05) AND 4:30AM (SUN., 08/28/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT MALINTA 44YB

Portion of Capt. Cruz and M. H. Delos Reyes Sts. from Salazar St. to and including Jacan Enterprise in Bgy. Gen. T. De Leon; E. Francisco, S. De Guzman and Feliza Sts. in Bgy. Parada.

REASON: Urgent repair of badly leaning pole along Capt. Cruz cor. Salazar Sts. in Bgy. Parada, Valenzuela City

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005**

CAVITE

BETWEEN 7:00AM AND 7:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45PM AND 5:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS ROSARIO 42RS AND 43RS, ABUBOT 37XZ, 38XZ AND 39XZ AND CAVITE 12ZD, 13ZD, 16ZD AND 19ZD

The whole of Cavite City, Rosario and Noveleta.

Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from near Imus-Dasmariñas boundary to near Meralco-Pala-Pala substation including Arcontica Subd. Resort, Crescent Hills Village, Villa Remedios, Southfield Subd., Villa Luisa Homes, portion of Don Placido Campo Drive, Magsaysay Institute of Shipping, Via Verde Village, Cantimbuhan Rice Mill, St. Charbel South, Cityland Greenbreeze Subd., Bo. Lankaan, Magno Gonzales, Sitio de Fuego in Dasmariñas; Monterey Farms, Berlite Industries, Gen. Trias-Amadeo Road, ADC Ready Mix, Bgy. Manggahan, Metro South Subd. and Sitio Santusan in Gen. Trias.

Along Salitran Road including Sunnycrest Village, Summerwind Village, Summer Meadow Subd., South Meridian Homes, Garden Grove 1-4, Andreaville Executive Homes, TUP-Dasmariñas, The Orchard Golf and Country Club and Raintree Homes in Dasmariñas.

Portion of Molino Road from Salitran Road to near Queen's Row Road including San Miguel I, Georgetown Heights Subd., St. Mary Homes, Springville West, Molino 3, Annaville Subd. and Progressive Village 5 in Bacoor.

Portion of Gov. D. Mangubat Ave. from Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway to Congressional South Road including University Medical Center, Jopauen Realty, Student Village, Bgy. Burol, Manuela Village, Summerwind IV and Southcrest Village in Dasmariñas.

Along Congressional South Road including Burol I and II, Areas C and H, Sta. Fe, Clusters B and D, San Francisco, Citihomes, Bo. San Mateo, Bo. Pag-asa, Victoria Reyes Props., Acacia Homes, San Andres 2 and San Roque in Dasmariñas.

REASON: Urgent TransCo maintenance work along Dasmariñas – Abubot – Rosario 115kV transmission lines.

**MONDAY TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 29-30, 2005**

QUEZON CITY

BETWEEN 11:30PM AND 12:00MN (MON., 08/29/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 5:00AM AND 5:30AM (TUE., 08/30/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT QUEZON CITY 12VA

Portion of Mo. Ignacia Ave. from Meralco-Quezon City substation to Epifanio Delos Santos Ave. including Panay Ave. and Quezon Ave., West 4th, Times, Daily Bulletin, Liwayway, T. Benitez, Evening News and Sct. Borromeo Sts. in Bgys. West and South Triangle.

BETWEEN 11:30PM (MON., 08/29/05) AND 5:30AM (TUE., 08/30/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT QUEZON CITY 12VA

Portion of Epifanio Delos Santos Ave. from Quezon Ave. to and including Philam Life Homes, T. Benitez and Times Sts. in Bgys. Philam and West Triangle.

REASON: Maintenance work along EDSA cor Quezon Ave. in Bgys. West and PhilAm, Quezon City.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2005**

QUEZON PROVINCE (TAYABAS AND MAUBAN)

BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 5:00PM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT MAUBAN 31XR

Portion of Tayabas - Mauban Provincial Road from Meralco Mauban substation near Mariposa Homes, Bgy. Matino, Tayabas to Sitio Balaybalay, Mauban including Bgys. Mateuna, Lacawan, Palale, Masin, Ilasan in Tayabas and Bgy. San Miguel in Mauban.

REASON: Relocation of facilities affected by DPWH road widening project along Tayabas – Mauban road in Mauban, Quezon Province.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005**

LAGUNA (CABUYAO)

BETWEEN 1:01AM AND 4:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT BALIBAGO 65XV – CANLUBANG 62XE

Asia Brewery Compound in Bo. Sala.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Balibago – Canlubang National Road.

CAVITE

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45AM AND 5:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS TMC-II 43WA AND 45WA AND CAVITE 12ZD, 13ZD, 16ZD AND 19ZD AND PORTION OF CIRCUIT ROSARIO 43RS

The whole of Cavite City.

Portion of Naic-Trece Martirez Highway from Antero Soriano Highway to Gen. Trias-Amadeo Highway including Jea Steel Industries, St. Jude Parochial School in Bgy. Cabuco, Trece Martirez; Metro South Subd., Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Bgy. Manggahan, Gen. Trias; Bgy. Tanauan in Tanza, E. T. Echauz Farm, Ponce Farms, East Asia Paper Mills, Sabang Elem. School, East Asia Netcom Phils. and Bgy. Sabang in Naic.

Portion of Tanza-Trece Martirez Highway from Naic-Trece Martirez Highway to and including Bgy. Hulugan, Immanuel Beach Resort, Sta. Cecilia Subd., Retirees Village in Bgy. Biwas, Bgys. Sta. Mayor, Bega, Punta, Paradahan, Don Crispin M. Yumol Memorial School, Tanza National Trade School in Tanza, and Dela Costa Formation Center in Trece Martirez.

Portion of Gen. Trias-Amadeo Highway from Trece Martirez-Pala-Pala Highway to near Gateway Business Park including Gen. Trias Water District, Tung Tai Hsing Rubber Factory, Ever Stream in Bgy. Manggahan; Governor Hills Subd. and Cityland Green Breeze Village in Bgy. Biklatan, Gen. Trias.

Portion of Antero Soriano Highway from Naic-Trece Martirez Highway to near Mulawin Road including SMC Premium Packaging, Union Glass Factory, Amaya School of Home Industries, Amaya Elem. School, Shin Yee Metal, Lu Chu Industrial Estate, Phil Shin Works, Bgy. Halayhay, Coca-Cola – Tanza Warehouse, F. C. Castro Subd. and Cabba Subd. in Tanza.

REASON: Various maintenance work along Governor Drive in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

**WEDNESDAY TO THURSDAY, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2005**

CAVITE

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:15PM (WED., 08/31/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:45AM AND 5:00AM (THU., 09/01/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT IMUS 36WK – ABUBOT 34XZ

Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco – Imus substation to Meralco – Dasmariñas Service Center including New Imus Village, Metrobank, Metro Dialysis Center in Imus; Philta Industries, Dara Subd. and Salitran I in Dasmariñas.

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 12:00MN (WED., 08/31/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 4:00AM AND 5:00AM (THU., 09/01/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS IMUS 425WK AND IMUS 34WK

Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco – Imus substation to Imus-Dasmariñas boundary including EDS Mfg., Champan Garments, Country Linens, LEMNS Products, Mark Joshua Hardware, Pallas Athena Subd., Praxis Far East Corp., Baird Outerwear (Ka Won Corp.) and San Miguel Yamamura Asia in Bgys. Anabu II, Anabu II-A and Anabu II-C, Imus.

Along Bayan Luma Road from Aguinaldo Highway to and including Bo. Manalo, Iglesia ni Kristo, Bgy. Alapan II, Bliss Housing in Gen. Trias; Mary-Cris Homes, Bo. Bucandala, Villa Feliciana Subd. and Sarreal Subd. in Imus.

Along Malagasang Road from Bayan Luma Road to near Chrstian Joan School including Pag-asa Subd., Bgy. Malagasang I, Manuela Subd., MWSS, Mandarin Homes II, Hayag Motor Works and Machine Shop and Francis Rice Mill in Imus.

BETWEEN 11:00PM (WED., 08/31/05) AND 5:00AM (THU., 09/01/05) – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT PALICO 39ZE – IMUS 35WK

Portion of Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway from Meralco-Palico substation to Meralco-Imus substation including Makro, Monti Textile Corp., Plaridel Subd., Villa Leticia, Lily Pla Subd., Villa Amparo, Villa Nicasia, Southern City Homes, Holiday Village, Independence St., Holiday Ave., Pacmac, Better Life Subd., Doña Dionisia Subd. and portion of Bgy. Tanzang Luma in Imus.

Along Nuevo Ave. from Gen. E. Aguinaldo Highway to and including Tahimik St., Imus Public Market, Vina Village, Imus Institute, Imus Municipal Hall, Imus Parish Church, Gen. Garcia Park, Del Pilar Academy, Imus Museum – Camp Garcia, Imus Municipal Academy, Poblacion 4, Gen Castañeda, Tirona, Gen Salorre Sts. in Imus; Villanueva, Elises and Abella Sts. in Bacoor.

REASON: Retirement of poles along Alabang – Zapote Road in Bgy. Zapote, Las Piñas City.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005**

CALOOCAN CITY; AND MANILA (TONDO)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 5:00AM – PORTION OF CIRCUIT GRACE PARK 415RD

Portion of Dagat-Dagatan Ave. Ext. and J. P. Rizal St. from near C-3 Road to A. Mabini St. including Kaunlaran Village (Dagat-Dagatan), Dagat-Dagatan Sewerage Treatment Plant Cpd., Maypajo Public Market, Martinez Memorial Hospital, Bgys. Maypajo and Lerma Maypajo in Caloocan City.

Portion of A. Mabini St. and Juan Luna St. from near Laon Laan St. to and including Pag-Ibig, Kalayaan, Bontoc, Flora, Karilagan, Lakambini, Carmen, Maliklik, Clemente, Guido 1 & 2 Sts. in Tondo, Manila.

REASON: Replacement of rotten poles along A. Mabini and Juan Luna Sts. in Caloocan City and Tondo, Manila.

BULACAN (SAN ILDEFONSO)

BETWEEN 12:01AM AND 12:15AM AND THEN BETWEEN 5:45M AND 6:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT SAN MIGUEL 301YN

Bgys. San Agustin, Batasan Matanda, Batasan A, Batasan B, Salapungan, Magumbali Lourdez, Mandili, Cauayang Buglong, Tagulod Mandile, Salangan, Barangca, Mapanique, Canlang, Amatan, Makapilapil, Makapili and Sapang Putol.

REASON: Maintenance work inside Meralco San Miguel substation.

BATANGAS (BATANGAS CITY)

BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 12:00NN – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUITS MAHABANG PARANG 32WZ AND NPC-BOLBOK 32ZZ

Bgys. Mahabang Parang, Concepcion and Bucal

REASON: Various TransCo maintenance work along Mahabang Parang-Bucal 13.8 kV transmission lines.

**THURSDAY TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 2, 2005**

MANILA (QUIAPO)

BETWEEN 11:00PM AND 11:30PM (THU., 09/01/05) AND THEN BETWEEN 6:30AM AND 7:00AM (FRI., 09/02/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TEGEN 513B

Portion of J. Nepomuceno, Padilla, Carlos Palanca Sr., P. Casal Ext., Arlegui, Legarda, Mendiola, Sergio H. Loyola (Lepanto) Sts. and Claro M. Recto Ave. from Meralco – Tegen substation in Isla del Provisor to near Nicanor Reyes St. (Morayta) including Centro Escolar University, San Beda College, Chowking-Hidalgo, Manila Cartimar Shopping Center, San Sebastian College, MWSS, Technological Institute of the Phils., Current Events Digest, PLDT, St. Jude Catholic Church, St. Jude Catholic School, San Diego Fishery, The National Teachers College, DPWH-Quiapo Pumping Station, Manuel L. Quezon University – High School, Engineering Reviewer of the Phils., Genuino Ice Plant, V. Mapa High School, Universal Mills, College of the Holy Spirit, DSWD, Orient Pearl Shopping Arcade, STI College – Recto, La Consolacion College, Ever – Recto, Presidential Management Office, Dept. of Budget Management (Mabini Hall), Jollibee – Recto, KFC – Recto, University of the East – Auditorium, National Bookstore – Recto, Mayfair Theater, Maxim Theater, Pizza Hut – Recto and McDonald's – Recto

BETWEEN 11:00PM (THU., 09/01/05) AND 7:00AM (FRI., 09/02/05) – PORTION OF CIRCUIT TEGEN 513B

Portion of C. M. Recto Ave (Azcarraga) from near Mendiola St. to near Sergio H. Loyola St. (Lepanto).

REASON: Various maintenance work along C. M. Recto Ave. in Quiapo, Manila.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005**

MAKATI CITY

BETWEEN 1:00AM AND 2:00AM – THE WHOLE OF CIRCUIT URDANETA 46VS

Glorietta 3 in Ayala Center

REASON: Preventive maintenance and testing work inside Meralco Urdaneta substation.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005**

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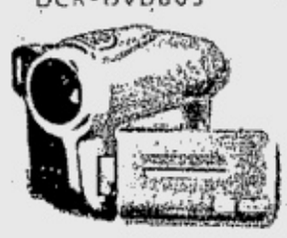

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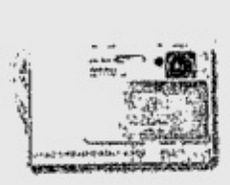

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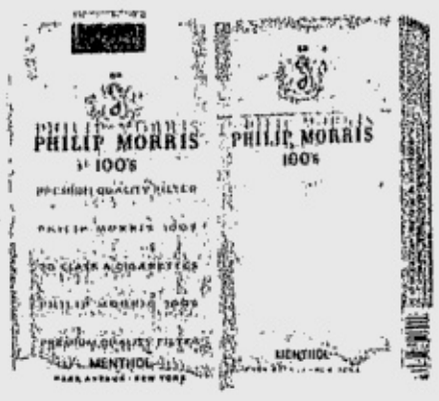


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# Negotiation of Pacific Plans, planholders bog down

By Alcuin Papa

NEGOTIATIONS between the beleaguered pre-need firm Pacific Plans Inc. (PPI) and its planholders bogged down on Wednesday, prompting planholders to vow to continue their fight for their education plans.

Philip Piccio, president of the Parents Enabling Parents Coaltion (PEP Coalition) told reporters yesterday that negotiations with management failed when officials of the company, led by Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC) president Helen Yuchengco-Dee, refused to consider other sources of funds to pay off their planholders. YGC owns and controls PPI.

Piccio also said the planholders would continue with their plan to file criminal charges against officials of PPI. He said they would also file charges of unjust banking practices against officials of the firm's trustee bank—the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC)—before the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as soon as Monday next week.

In response, a PPI spokesperson said that "while we had hoped that some sort of understanding can be crafted during the dialogues, the PPI negotiating panel can only commit to terms that are reasonable and that will not compromise the integrity of the other companies of the Yuchengco group."

"In the dialogue with the PEP Coalition, the PPI panel was trying to make them appreciate the situation that the company is in right now," the spokesperson, lawyer Jeanette C. Tecson, said.

She added that PPI is acting prudently in the disbursement of its funds, keeping in mind that there are still planholders who need funds in the future.

Unlike other preneed companies which have totally closed its windows to availing planholders by not disbursing funds, PPI has gone on to service the requirements of the availing planholders, she said.

Tecson added that for the first semester of 2005, a total of P571 million in tuition fee support was made available to open-ended planholders.

## Rehabilitation

Last April, the PPI filed for rehabilitation before a Makati court saying they could no longer pay holders of their traditional education plans. They offered plan holders a seven-percent interest of their investment collectible in 2010, or upon maturity of Napocor bonds which the company is holding.

But the PEP Coalition opposed the move and alleged that the company was trying to find a way to avoid paying their obligations to their planholders. They also said the trust fund for their plans was illegally spun out to other companies. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also opposed the rehabilitation plan.

Last month, the planholders and management decided to come to the negotiating table. The two sides agreed to find ways to pay off its more than 30,000 planholders at the current enrollment prices charged by schools this year. This means PPI would need between P4.5 billon and P5 billion for the settlement.

Piccio narrated that the two sides agreed to include PPI's Napocor bonds in their computation, which according to its valuation upon maturity in 2010 will be worth P3 billion. The planholders wanted the company to look at other fund sources to make up the deficit of around P1.5 billion to P2 billion for the settlement. Particularly, the planholders wanted to look into the PLDT shares of the company, which Piccio said mysteriously incurred a net loss of around P1 billion despite its rising price on the stock market, and other trust funds which were earlier spun out of PPI.

But Yuchengco-Dee, according to Piccio, refused to look into other sources and instead stuck to the Napocor bonds.

While saying he didn't trust PPI officers anymore, Piccio said he was still willing to return to the negotiation table.

# Holiday pay for Aug. 21 work

By Jerome Aning

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment yesterday reminded employers that workers who reported for duty last Sunday, Aug. 21, were entitled to holiday pay.

DOLE Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas issued the clarification following queries from workers asking about the rules that should apply on special days that fall on a Sunday.

Sto. Tomas said Aug. 21, the anniversary of the assassination of former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., was a special nonworking holiday in accordance with Republic Act No. 9256 signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo last year.

Following DOLE regulations on special holidays, those who went to work last Sunday would get an additional 30 percent of their daily rate. If they worked beyond eight hours, they are entitled to 30 percent more of their hourly rate.

If Sunday was their day off and the workers reported for duty anyway, they would get an additional 50 percent of their daily pay. They are entitled to 30 percent more of their hourly rate for every hour they worked overtime.

For those who did not go to work, the "no work, no pay" policy shall apply unless there is a favorable company policy, practice or collective bargaining agreement provision granting payment on a special day even if the day is unworked.

# DOLE chief orders probe of own execs

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment yesterday said it would conduct a "thorough investigation" of its own officials who were involved in the illegal recruitment of overseas Filipino workers.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said she heard about the alleged involvement of some of its officials of the department and its attached agency, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, in facilitating the issuance of visitor's visa for workers who want to go to the Middle East and other countries.

She called on those victimized to directly report to her the names and instances of DOLE and POEA employees or officials who are in cahoots with illegal recruitment and travel agencies.

For the meantime, however, she said she felt that the charges were "unfair" unless the personalities involved were positively tagged.

"We urge the source and the aggrieved parties to reveal the identities of these DOLE officials allegedly involved in these syndicates," the secretary said.

Sto. Tomas explained that individuals traveling on visit visas can actually leave the country without passing through the POEA documentation system, invoking their right to travel.


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# AFP won't let Magdalo leaders off

By Dona Pazzibugan

WHILE a military court has yet to decide on an appeal to dismiss the case against the 29 "core leaders" of the Oakwood mutiny, the Armed Forces leadership has already made its decision.

"The AFP will not allow the case to be dismissed merely because of a technicality, which the defense counsel has clearly exploited," Brig. General Jose Honrado, military spokesperson, said yesterday.

He added: "For the AFP to allow these officers to walk free will mean that military adventurism goes unpunished and will set a bad precedent for would-be adventurists."

The AFP issued the statement before the six-man court martial presided over by Air Force Maj. Gen. Vicente Guerzon Jr. could hand down a final ruling on whether all 29 junior officers have been arraigned before the case prescribed last July 26.

On Wednesday, defense lawyers appealed the court's Aug. 4 decision to continue the trial.

The court said all 29 officers were considered arraigned on July 13, when charges were read in open court.

Defense lawyer Roel Pulido argued that the court committed "grave abuse of discretion" because it reversed its July 26 ruling which said only two of the 29 officers were arraigned as of that day.

The next hearing is on Sept. 4, when military prosecutors would submit their formal counter argument.

The AFP yesterday made it clear there is no way the case against the coup leaders would be dismissed, since the other junior officers and enlisted men involved in the mutiny have already been punished.

"The liability and moral obligation of the mutiny leaders are far greater than those of the enlisted men that they coerced into joining the failed uprising," Honrado said.

"They will not get off the hook that easily," he stressed.

Last May, 184 enlisted personnel who joined the mutiny struck a plea bargain with the prosecution.

They pleaded guilty to three lesser charges of disrespect and insubordination while the main charge of mutiny was dropped. They were demoted by three ranks and two-thirds of their basic salary was forfeited for the next three to six months.

Sixty-seven other junior officers who joined in the mutiny meanwhile are still awaiting trial.

They have been arraigned on charges of mutiny and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

# Military defends new chief

By Luige del Puerto

WHY SPOIL the "honeymoon"?

Senior military officers yesterday defended their new chief of staff against what they described as an early demolition job.

"Although the media generally has been in a 'honeymoon state' with the AFP during the past few days, newly-installed AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga has been targeted for an 'early demolition' by his detractors," a statement issued by the Office of the Civil Relations Groups said.

The statement belied reports that Senga had been the subject of a formal complaint with the Ombudsman.

"Lt. Gen. (Generoso) Senga has never been the subject of a formal complaint for graft before the Ombudsman," the statement, signed by Brig. Gen. Jose Angel Honrado, said.

"The AFP believes in Senga's integrity and the military organization affirms its full support, and trust and confidence in his leadership," the statement said.

Quoting a well-placed lawyer in the Ombudsman's office, the INQUIRER had reported that Senga and two officers "sold" the entire 6th Infantry Division, which he once headed, to a candidate in last year's elections.

Senga called it a poison-pen letter that had been circulating since October 2004. He said he first saw it during his confirmation hearings on his promotion to a three-star general.

"If he (were) under investigation for any misconduct or wrongdoing, then the Commission on Appointments would not have promoted him as a three-star general," Honrado said.

"The anonymous letter, which was first circulated prior to his appointment as PA (Philippine Army) chief, is obviously nothing more than another attempt to discredit him, especially now that he has assumed the highest position of leadership in the AFP," he added.

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Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

This story throws light on what will happen in the kingdom of heaven. Ten bridesmaids went out with their lamps to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were careless while the others were sensible.

The careless bridesmaids took their lamps as they were and did not bring extra oil. But those who were sensible, brought with their lamps flasks of oil. As the bridegroom delayed, they all grew drowsy and fell asleep.

But at midnight, a cry rang out: 'The bridegroom is here, come out and meet him!' All the maidens woke up at once and trimmed their lamps. Then the careless ones said to the sensible ones: 'Give us some oil, for our lamps are going out.' The sensible ones answered: 'There may not be enough for both you and us. You had better go to those who sell and buy for yourselves.'

They were out buying oil when the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the wedding feast, and the doors were shut.

Later the rest of the bridesmaids arrived and called out: 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he answered: 'Truly, I do not know you.'

So, stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

**Commentary**

*The parable of the ten bridesmaids who go out to wait for the bridegroom to come to the bride's house with their oil lamps. It was the custom for the bridegroom to party with his friends and then come sometime in the night to collect his bride and take her to his own house with her bridesmaids lighting the way. Five have oil for their lamps and five don't—ridiculous. If you had that honor, not to know that it could be a long wait, or a short one revealed you as insensitive, not really concerned about the wedding at all. When the moment comes they run off to try at the last minute to get oil—while the procession would have proceeded without them. They come to the locked door and aren't allowed in—they missed their chance! The words are harsh: "Truly, I do not know you." How much oil do we have in our lamps: the oil of gladness, the oil of chrism from our baptisms and confirmations; the oil of prayer and almsgiving, of the scriptures and the work with others for justice—which brings the bridegroom and bride together? Does our God truly know us or are we stupid, foolish, unthinking and not really concerned about the feast of justice for all and peace on earth?*

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# The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

# North Korea got nuke machines, Pakistan confirms

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Pakistan President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf confirmed Tuesday for the first time that a Pakistani nuclear scientist had provided North Korea with centrifuge machines that could be used to make fuel for an atomic bomb, a Japanese news agency reported.

Kyodo News said Musharraf disclosed that the former head of his country's nuclear program, Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, had sent "centrifuges—parts and complete" to N. Korea. The Pakistani leader did not divulge the number of centrifuges that arrived in North Korea, saying, "I do not exactly remember the number."

Musharraf also said Khan might have sent N. Korea uranium hexafluoride, which can be enriched in centrifuges and then processed into fuel for civilian nuclear reactors or atomic warheads.

The statements are likely to bolster American contentions that N. Korea has a covert uranium enrichment program and complicate the six-nation talks over N. Korea's nuclear program scheduled to resume next week.

Musharraf reiterated his long-held position that that he and other members of Pakistan's powerful military had not known that Khan was shipping nuclear hardware abroad. But American experts on the spread of nuclear weapons said the disclosure raised new questions about the Pakistani military's possible role in nuclear proliferation.

Khan publicly confessed in January 2004 to having provided nuclear weapons technology to Iran, North Korea and Libya, but he gave few details. Musharraf pardoned the scientist, citing his status as a national hero. Pakistani officials are investigating Khan, but Musharraf has barred American or UN investigators from directly questioning him.

The general's comments were Pakistan's first official acknowledgment of nuclear technology transfers to North Korea. Khan, who is under house arrest in Islamabad, is believed to have run the largest nuclear smuggling ring in history. *New York Times*

MUNICIPAL workers lay turf, with the Qol Sharif mosque in the background, in preparation for the 1000th birthday of the city of Kazan of the mainly Muslim region of Tatarstan, located about 700 km east of Moscow, Aug. 24. AP

## Muslim city in Russia heartland celebrates 1,000th anniversary

KAZAN, Russia—The capital of Russia's Tatarstan region made last-minute finishing touches and security sweeps Thursday as organizers prepared for tens of thousands expected to take part in Kazan's millennial birthday celebrations.

With technicians rigging a sound stage against the backdrop of the picturesque Qol Sharif mosque, city dignitaries held flower-laying ceremonies at statues to Russian and Tatar cultural figures around the Volga River city as part of the festivities, which run through the weekend. A gala concert is scheduled for Friday night.

Among the officials expected to attend celebrations is President Vladimir Putin, who is also using the occasion to play host to leaders from the Commonwealth of Independent States, a loose grouping of 12 former Soviet republics.

In addition to sprucing up the city, officials were taking exceptional security measures. Workers welded shut manhole covers, bomb-sniffing dogs and their handlers prowled the airport, and traffic police stood on nearly every street corner.

The anniversary gives Tatarstan's president, Mintimer Shaimiyev, a chance to showcase the region of 3.7 million people located about 700 km east of Moscow.

Shaimiyev has reason to boast. The president, whose reign dates back to Soviet days, secured an unprecedented degree of autonomy from the Kremlin during the 1990s and the region has prospered by retaining control of its substantial resources—agriculture, industry and oil—and courting foreign investment.

The region's primary ethnic group, the Tatars, trace their lineage back to the feared Mongol hordes that raced across Russia in the 12th and 13th centuries.

Tatars tend to be moderate Muslims, and the region has had little of the ethnic or religious strife that has plagued other Muslim regions in Russia. *AP*

## Swiss brace for more floods

KLOSTERS, Switzerland—Rescue helicopters plucked stranded Swiss from roofs on Wednesday as rising water and strong currents prevented boats reaching homes in parts of Switzerland and more rain was forecast in coming days.

Lakes and rivers burst their banks after days of fierce downpours across Switzerland, Austria and Germany, cutting off roads, power and communications from hundreds of communities.

Mudslides blocked roads and railway tracks while some bridges were swept away by the force of floodwaters.

In Romania, 25 people died in floods in the past 10 days and hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes.

Parts of the skiing resort Klosters, which hosts Britain's Prince Charles for holidays each year, were still under water as rescue workers started clearing car wrecks and mud from the streets, pumping water out of the worst-hit houses.

"I would have expected anything, an avalanche. Snow, but not water," said a man sweeping the floor of his sport shop catering to the many tourists visiting the town each year.

Residents waved for help from balconies in Switzerland's capital Berne, where police said water levels were rising. *Reuters*

## WORLDBRIEFS

### Portugal blazes under control

LISBON—Portuguese firefighters have brought under control all the blazes which have ravaged the parched country over the past two weeks, the civil protection agency said Thursday. Across the country 850 firefighters backed by 600 soldiers were still monitoring the sites of recent blazes thought to guard against flare-ups, it said in a statement. Firefighters began to get the upper hand against runaway fires which have destroyed homes and forced the evacuation of dozens of people from several mountain villages on Wednesday thanks to the arrival of cooler weather and higher air humidity levels. The latest wave of wildfires to hit the country, facing its worst drought since 1945, began on Aug. 12 but worsened considerably over the weekend when over 50 blazes raged out of control amid scorching temperatures. *AFP*

### Peru starts probe of Amazon plane crash

PUCALLPA, Peru—Rescuers scoured the Amazon jungle Wednesday for human remains at the site of a Peruvian plane crash that killed at least 40 people, while 57 survivors were treated at local hospitals. Under heavy rain that complicated their task, rescuers were cutting through the fuselage of Tans Peru airline's Boeing 737-200 to find human remains near the city of Pucallpa, 840 km northeast of Lima, one day after the plane crashed during a storm. The toll rose to 40 after the death of a Peruvian man, who had initially survived the crash, at Pucallpa hospital. Peruvian authorities have launched an investigation into the accident, the fifth jet crash worldwide this month. *AFP*

### 6 dead after Gaza pullout

TULKAREM, West Bank—The Israeli army killed five Palestinian militants in the occupied northern West Bank in the first deadly military operation since the historic pullout of settlers from the Gaza Strip. The shootings came as a British Jewish seminary student was stabbed to death and his American classmate injured by a lone assailant in the first deadly Palestinian attack inside Jerusalem's Old City in three years. The bloodshed deflated the international optimism that Israel's evacuation of Jewish settlers from parts of the occupied Palestinian territories would help revive the moribund Middle East peace process. *AFP*

### Britain unveils crackdown

LONDON—Britain finalized a new plan on Wednesday to help deport or bar Islamic radicals who promote terrorism in the wake of last month's London bombings and said it would be implemented within days. Home Secretary Charles Clarke said the list of so-called "unacceptable behaviors" would counter the "real and significant" threat of terrorism. But Muslim groups and human rights experts criticized the move as too vague and said it might affect legitimate struggles against human rights abuses. They are also worried about the deportation of hardline Islamists to countries where they may face torture or even execution. *AFP*

## Burma coup rumors end but mysteries remain

RANGOON—The whereabouts of Than Shwe, leader of Burma's secretive junta, remained a mystery on Thursday, but rumors he had been ousted by the army chief were dying rapidly.

The most popular explanation was that Than Shwe, 73, who appears in the media only rarely, was in a hospital in the capital's military zone and Gen. Maung Aye, the army chief and number two in the junta, was acting in his stead.

"So far as we've heard, he was sent to the Mingaladon military hospital. We don't know any further details," said U Lwin, the spokesperson for detained democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD).

Than Shwe's last media appearance was on Aug. 19 when he met special United Nations envoy Ali Alatas, the Indonesian former foreign minister.

The state-run media in Burma, also known as Myanmar, made no mention on Thursday of either Than Shwe or the rumors of his ouster which swept Myanmar and neighboring Thailand a day earlier.

Officials, who rarely talk to journalists in a country ruled by the military in various guises since 1962, were unreachable for comment.

But Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra shrugged off the rumors as baseless.

"The information we've got is that they are not true," he told a news conference. "We have checked with every source. It was not true."

There had been no unusual military or police activity in Rangoon on Wednesday, leading diplomats to disbelieve the rumors, but the prices of gold and the kyat currency moved, reflecting unease among ordinary people.

But the prices of both began to drift back to previous levels on Thursday as the intensity of the rumors dissipated.

Rumors about what is going on in the military have been rife since Gen. Khin Nyunt was ousted unceremoniously as prime minister and military intelligence chief last October.

That was followed by the mass release of prisoners the junta said had been jailed improperly by military intelligence and the inclusion of a few political detainees raised hopes it was serious about a seven-step road to democracy Khin Nyunt had announced. *Reuters*

**SMALLEST OF THE SMALL**
Malaysian Kuah Mershel holds the smallest of her miniature bonsai at her residence in Kuala Lumpur Aug. 24. These miniature bonsai from a local species known as "water jasmine" measure 22 mm. REUTERS

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# US preacher apologizes for Chavez remarks

WASHINGTON—Conservative US preacher Pat Robertson apologized Wednesday for urging Washington to assassinate Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, then went on to compare him to Saddam Hussein and to suggest the United States could one day be at war with his oil-rich country.

"Is it right to call for assassination? No, and I apologize for that statement. I spoke in frustration," Robertson said in a lengthy "clarification" posted on his website.

The former presidential candidate and staunch supporter of US President George W. Bush said the world was ignoring the threat posed by "the out-of-control dictator of Venezuela."

Chavez, he said, "has found common cause with terrorists," is reportedly seeking nuclear technology from Iran and "intends to fund the violent overthrow of democratically elected governments throughout South America, beginning with neighboring Colombia."

"I said before the war in Iraq began that the wisest course would be to wage war against Saddam Hussein, not the whole nation of Iraq. When faced with the threat of a comparable dictator in our own hemisphere, would it not be wiser to wage war against one person rather than finding ourselves down the road locked in a bitter struggle with a whole nation?"

Chavez, a twice-elected leftist and close ally of Cuban President Fidel Castro, has often said Washington would like to assassinate him, and accuses the Bush administration of orchestrating a coup d'etat that toppled him for 47 hours in April 2002.

During his television show, "The 700 Club," on Monday, Robertson had said of Chavez: "I don't know about this doctrine of assassination, but if he thinks we're trying to assassinate him, I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it."

"Without question, this is a dangerous enemy to our south, controlling a huge pool of oil, that could hurt us very badly," Robertson added. Venezuela is the fourth provider of oil to the United States.

The incendiary remarks came at the close of a long report by Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network news team on Chavez's anti-US rhetoric and growing links to Communist Cuba and Arab nations.

The State Department said Wednesday that US Ambassador to Caracas William Brownfield had been in contact with a Venezuelan government official over the remarks.

"The message that we conveyed was the same one you heard from me at the podium yesterday," spokesperson Sean McCormack told reporters.

Tuesday, Washington distanced itself from Robertson's comments but did not explicitly condemn them.

"I would say that Pat Robertson is a private citizen and that his views do not represent the policy of the United States," McCormack said, describing the comments as "inappropriate."

"As we have said before, any allegations that we are planning to take hostile action against the Venezuelan government are completely baseless and without fact," McCormack added. *AFP*

## *Past comments by Pat Robertson*

"I THINK (federal judges) are destroying the fabric that holds our nation together ... The gradual erosion of the consensus that's held our country together is probably more serious than, than a few bearded terrorists who fly into buildings."—*Robertson earlier this year on activist judges. He later said his comments were taken out of context.*

"When lawlessness is abroad in this land, the same thing will happen here that happened in Nazi Germany. Many of those people involved in Adolf Hitler were Satanists, many of them were homosexuals—the two seem to go together."—*Robertson in 1993 after President Bill Clinton announced he was ordering an end to a ban on gays in the military.*

"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face."—*Robertson about a gay event in Florida in 1998. He added that widespread gay activity "will bring about terrorist bombs. It'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor."*

In a fund-raising letter in 1992 in opposition to a proposed equal rights amendment to the Iowa Constitution, Robertson said it was part of a "feminist agenda" that "is not about equal rights for women." Instead, "it is about a socialist, antifamily political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

Robertson later denied writing the letter, saying an aide was the author. *AP*

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**PORK-TAUSI MUSTASA**

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| 1/4 kg | pork kasim, sliced thin | 1 Tbsp | **Silver Swan soy sauce** |
| 2 Tbsp | cooking oil | 1/2 Tbsp | cornstarch, dispersed in 3/4 cup water |
| 2 cloves | garlic, crushed | 1 pc | tokwa, fried, cubed |
| 1 pc | small onion, chopped | 1 bundle | mustasa (mustard leaves), chopped |
| 1 pc | tomato, chopped | | |
| 1 pc | small ginger, crushed | | |
| 2 Tbsp | tausi (salted black beans) | | |

**Procedure:**
1. Stir fry pork slices in small amount of water. Wait until water dries out. Set aside.
2. Heat cooking oil. Add garlic, onion, tomato and ginger.
3. Add pork slices, tausi and **Silver Swan soy sauce** to the pan.
4. Pour in the dispersed cornstarch.
5. Heat while stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Boil for a few seconds more and then add tokwa and mustasa.
6. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

% Recommended energy and nutrient intakes

| Energy | Pro | Fat | CHO | Ca | P | Fe | VitA | VitB1 | VitB2 | VitB3 | VitC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 33 | 55 | 2 | 17 | 18 | 12 | 22 | 24 | 9 | 25 | 43 |

Each serving meets at least 1/3 of the recommended intake for protein. It is also a rich source of vitamin C.

**PANCIT SOTANGHON GISADO**

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| 100 g | pork, cut into strips | 1 tsp | sugar dissolved with the pork stock |
| 2Tbsp | cooking oil | 90 g | sotanghon, 1 hour soaked in water |
| 2 cloves | garlic, crushed | 10 g | tengang daga, 1 hour soaked in water, cut into strips |
| 1 pc | small onion, chopped | 1/4 kg | togue (mongo sprouts), rinsed |
| 1 Tbsp | ginger, chopped | 1 bundle | pechay baguio, cut into 2" lengths |
| 1 Tbsp | **Silver Swan soy sauce** | 2 stems | spring onion, cut into 1" lengths |
| 2 Tbsp | **Silver Swan patis seasoning** | 2 stems | kinchay, chopped |
| 1/2 tsp | ground pepper | | calamansi slices |
| 2 cups | pork stock | | |

**Procedure:**
1. Parboil pork strips in 3 cups water until tender. Set aside. Save pork stock.
2. Sauté garlic, onions, ginger and pork. Season with **Silver Swan soy sauce**, **Silver Swan patis seasoning** and pepper. Stir fry lightly for one minute.
3. Pour into pan the pork stock with dissolved sugar. Add sotanghon and cook 2 minutes.
4. Add tengang daga strips, red bell pepper, togue, pechay, kinchay, and spring onions. Do not overcook.
5. Serve with calamansi slices. Makes 4 servings.

% Recommended energy and nutrient intakes

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A serving meets close to 75% of the recommended nutrient intake for vitamin C. It is also a fair source of vitamin A.

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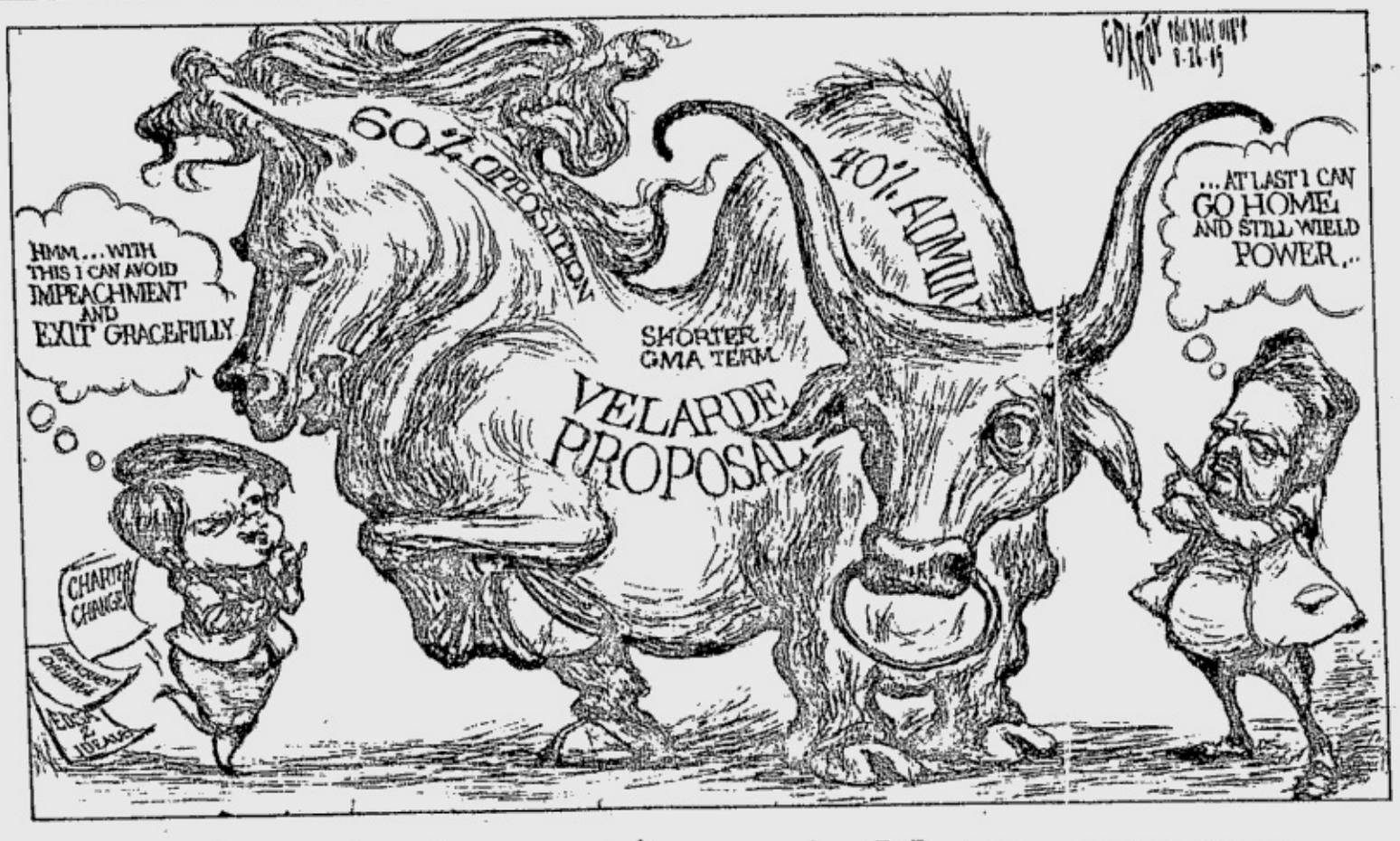


# Shenanigans

**EDITORIAL**

THE LATE Sen. Genaro Magsaysay once famously said, "No talk, no mistake." Party-list Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay should have heeded those words, but then he wouldn't have had his 15 minutes of fame (or notoriety). Living up (or down) to Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez's dictum that "politics is addition," Magsaysay withdrew his support from the impeachment complaint.

The opposition countered that with Representatives Robert Jaworski Jr., Robert Ace Barbers Jr., Edmund Reyes Jr., Renato Magtubo and Gilbert Remulla signing the amended complaint, it still registered a net gain of supporters.

All these gains and losses are, of course, temporary, with the political tide ebbing and flowing like waves on a seashore. Both sides are claiming that they're on the verge of tactical victory, with Speaker Jose de Venecia saying Magsaysay will be followed by others, and the opposition suggesting that others, like the Nacionalista Party members, are preparing to throw their support behind them.

The saying that the impeachment battle in the House is a "numbers game" has been repeated like a mantra by both sides. However, the side that really has the numbers is the majority, and small defections aside, it is managing to hold.

Magsaysay, in his previous incarnation as a supporter of impeachment, denounced efforts to bribe him into withdrawing his support. Now it turns out that all he needed to withdraw that support (according to him, at least) was to read the complaint and consult his lawyers. Still other lawmakers have made similar allegations of attempted bribery. But even without resorting to actual bribes, President Macapagal-Arroyo and her people have been widely mentioned as phoning congressmen to ensure their continued support.

Given the widely discussed speculation that Malacañang wants to kill the impeachment before the President departs for Saudi Arabia and New York City, could it be that the administration is becoming more frantic or reckless, or both? Or are congressmen simply holding out for more? Columnist Dong Puno related, with barely feigned contempt, that one administration congressman had inquired about pork-barrel funds, because if he didn't get any, he just might support impeachment after all. Magsaysay, in announcing his about-face, denounced suggestions he did so due to some trade-offs. But he should look at his colleagues to realize why such suspicions gain ground.

Does impeachment's nature as a "numbers game" justify the administration moving heaven and earth (and allegedly a whole lot of cash, according to the opposition), and the opposition, in turn, attempting to make up for its numerical weakness by milking its every media appearance for all it's worth?

Both sides seem to recognize no limit, either ethically or tactically, to their actions in furtherance of their ultimate goals. What the administration, for example, loves to dismiss as merely a "Manila problem" has leaked into the province of Cavite, where the Remullas are attempting to restore the dominance over provincial politics established by their father. Whether or not there is truth to the suspicion that the suspension of Gov. Ireneo Maliksi has been influenced by the impeachment proceedings, the Remullas in the House have evenly divided its votes between avowedly pro-impeachment Gilbert and (so far) non-committal and possibly anti-impeachment Crispin. Maliksi's suspension obviously benefits their bother John-Vic who gets to sit as governor.

By all accounts, Cavite is opposition country, but as it stands, the Remulla brothers in the House have cleverly leveraged their votes in temporarily assisting the opposition (with Gilbert's signing on), while holding Crispin's vote in reserve. If Maliksi gains the upper hand, Crispin can add his vote to the opposition. If John-Vic succeeds, then the Remullas can point to Gilbert's "conscience vote," while Crispin votes with the administration and spites, in the process, their province mate, oppositionist Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

The spread of the political turmoil to Cavite indicates just how pervasive the question of impeachment is. It also shows the intensity of lobbying on the local level. In basketball, to use up time to the advantage of a team that's ahead, there's the tactic of pointlessly dribbling the ball. The question is whether it's the House majority doing the dribbling.

# Reduce 'colorum' buses in Metro, save gas

**AS I SEE IT**

*Neal H. Cruz*

CHARACTERISTIC of the lack of imagination and ideas of this administration is its knee-jerk decision to conserve oil. "Let's use bikes and walk more," said President Macapagal-Arroyo, and immediately the Metro Manila Development Authority and the mayors met to set up bike lanes all over the metropolis at a cost of P682 million.

We are going backward as a nation. A more primitive China, where bicycles used to be a primary means of transportation, has now phased them out. But we are now going into bikes. In the same way that we are going into land reform at a time when its originators, and from whom we copied the concept—the two Chinas—are phasing it out. Next time, we may have rickshaws pulled by humans instead of motor-driven, and therefore gas-guzzling, tricycles.

What is very obvious to the people the Departments of Energy and Transportation cannot see. And that is, that the oversupply of buses in Metro Manila, especially on Edsa, is a principal cause of fuel wastage. Every day, these buses, all of them half-empty, burn thousands of gallons of fuel as they creep slowly in the metropolis because of heavy traffic caused by them in the first place. All the other vehicles that have to creep along in the heavy traffic as a result burn millions of gallons more. Worse, all these vehicles pollute the air we breathe with the toxic gases they emit. Isn't it elementary that just by reducing the number of buses (and jeepneys), we would be saving millions of gallons of fuel and improve the quality of our air?

All these extra buses are neither needed nor authorized. Half of them would be enough to take commuters to their destinations. By the government's own estimate, at least 300 buses operating in Metro Manila are *colorum*. These buses have franchises to operate in the provinces, but their operators prefer to operate illegally in Metro Manila. Why? Obviously because they earn more in the city. They have much fewer passengers and fewer trips in the city because of the traffic, and use up more fuel in the stop-and-go traffic, yet they prefer to operate here rather than in their provinces where they are sorely needed by the people. Yet they earn more in the city despite the dearth of passengers and trips. How? They overcharge their passengers.

So what is the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) doing?

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The President wants the people to walk more. Fine. But she should try it first. She would find out that it is very difficult to walk in Metro Manila because there are no sidewalks to walk on in the first place. Oh yes, there are sidewalks, but they are occupied by parked vehicles and sidewalk vendors. Some business establishments even rope off the sidewalks to reserve them for their customers. These sidewalks belong to the public, not to the stores. And they are for the use of pedestrians; they are not parking places for vehicles and vendors. As a result, pedestrians to whom the sidewalks belong have to walk on the street where they risk being sideswiped by speeding vehicles.

Before we can entice the people to walk more, we should first make the sidewalks pleasant to walk on.

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On Aug. 30, the 155th birth anniversary of Marcelo H. del Pilar, Plaridel's Corner will be inaugurated at 10 a.m. on Plaza Miranda in Quiapo. Here, anybody can speak out his or her mind freely at any hour of day or night, speak out against the government and its officials, without fear of being stopped or arrested. It is patterned after the Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, or those in Singapore and Australia.

Plaridel's Corner is a project of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, Samahang Plaridel, the journalists' association, and Kapihan sa Manila which was born 20 years ago for the sole purpose of promoting freedom of speech and of the press. Isn't it fitting that the first Plaridel's Corner is situated at Plaza Miranda, the place public officials used to refer to when they asked their associates: "Can we defend this (contract, policy, or decision) at Plaza Miranda?"

In the morning, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying at the Plaridel monument in Malate. In the evening, there will be a musical variety show, "Harana kay Plaridel," at the Front Page piano bar.

Three evenings earlier, on Aug. 27, there will be another musical show, "Plaridel's Night," at the Front Page. At 1:30 p.m., still Aug. 27, there will be a lecture on "The Revolution of the Intellectuals" by Adrian Cristobal at the Plaridel Clubhouse.

And on Aug. 29, at 11:30 p.m., an exhibition of cartoons by the Samahang Kartunista ng Pilipinas will be opened.

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KAPIHAN NOTES: There will be two sets of panelists at next Monday's Kapihan sa Manila (Hotel). The first are the four young administration congressmen who last signed the impeachment complaint against GMA: Gilbert Remulla, Robert Ace Barbers, Edmund Reyes and Dodot Jaworski. Would that other administration lawmakers also be stricken by their consciences and follow them.

The second batch are the officers of the feuding basketball associations. The Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) has ousted the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) and replaced it with the Philippine Basketball Federation (PBF), but the Federation of International Basketball Associations (FIDE) still recognizes BAP and not PBF. All this is happening just when we are hosting the Southeast Asian Games where we have always dominated the basketball games.

# Juridical guerrilla warfare

**PASSION FOR REASON**

*Raul C. Pangalangan*

THE BEST way to kill the impeachment complaint is to wear out the people. No need to show that GMA is innocent. Just tire the sovereign people, bore them, make them indifferent to whether or not she is guilty. Reduce Gloriagate from a debate about principles to a wager on technicalities bereft of moral content. That is the peril of the vote by the House of Representatives' justice committee to focus first on "prejudicial questions." To paraphrase Sun Tzu, war is like fire. Rather than putting it out, let it burn itself out.

Three impeachment complaints have been filed against President Macapagal-Arroyo, the first, filed by lawyer Oliver Lozano, apparently the weakest. The next step, under the Constitution, is for the proper congressional committee to say whether the complaints are sufficient in form and substance.

However, the Constitution also says: "No impeachment proceedings shall be initiated against the same official more than once within a period of one year." Pro-GMA congressmen say that the committee must first settle the "prejudicial" issue of whether the Lozano complaint has triggered off the one-year bar and, if yes, whether it can be supplemented by the stronger complaint drafted by opposition lawyers. Their goal, obviously, is to lock in the vulnerable Lozano version and knock out the high-octane opposition draft.

The Supreme Court has laid down the controlling doctrine. In Francisco v. House of Representatives, the Court cited the one-year bar and threw out a second impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide. The anti-Davide forces invoked Rules 16/17 of the impeachment procedure adopted by Congress, which says that "impeachment proceedings [are] deemed initiated" only after the justice committee has acted on the complaint; by that rule, the first complaint couldn't have activated the one-year rule. The Court thus struck down Rules 16/17 as unconstitutional and pegged the triggering moment much earlier: when the complaint is filed and referred to the justice committee.

Citing one of the founding fathers of the 1987 Constitution, the Court said: "Father Bernas further explains: The 'impeachment proceeding' is not initiated when the complaint is transmitted to the Senate for trial [nor] when the House deliberates on the resolution passed on to it by the Committee. ... Rather, the proceeding is initiated or begins when a verified complaint is filed and referred to the Committee on Justice for action. This is the initiating step which triggers the series of steps that follow." Pro-GMA congressmen now claim that Lozano has tripped the constitutional switch.

But, as Rep. Francis Escudero said at a UP forum, opposition legislators have anticipated this, and deftly packaged their complaint so that it can either "stand alone" as an independent complaint or merely supplement Lozano's.

There is no technical bar to a supplement. I have heard forced analogies to judicial process, both civil and criminal, all of them inapt to the *sui generis* ("class by itself") nature of impeachment proceedings. The current procedural rules on impeachment are silent on supplements. Therefore, to hinder the other complaints is an exercise of discretion. Our legislators must not wash their hands through technicalities, and be candid enough to confess that they are voting their true selves.

This gap ("lacuna") in the rules beckons us to turn to the "intent of the framers." Note the following exchange in the Constitutional Commission when they drafted the one-year bar.

Commissioner Villacorta: "Does this mean that even if evidence is discovered to support another charge ... a second ... proceeding cannot be initiated [within] one year? ... The intention may be to protect the public official from undue harassment. [But] is this not undue limitation on the accountability of public officers?"

Commissioner Romulo: "Yes, the intention here really is to limit. This is not only to protect public officials ... from harassment but also to allow the [Congress] to do its work which is law-making. Impeachment proceedings take a lot of time."

Hearing the three complaints together will advance this constitutional intent—no undue "harassment" of the respondent, nor additional work for Congress.

But in addition, Rep. Teodoro Locsin shows that there is in fact a proper technical way to construe the three complaints. Congressional time is not normal people's time, he said. Congress can simply stop the clock and by parliamentary fiat freeze time, and the record will not show that they actually debated past midnight. Now by such reckoning, time stood still while Congress was on its constitutionally-mandated one-month break. That Lozano filed first in that twilight zone is of no consequence.

Which brings us back to the controlling moment in Francisco, namely, July 25, when Congress re-convened, the "session day" when Speaker Jose de Venecia endorsed the complaints to the justice committee, simultaneously at 11:20 a.m. (recorded in the official Journal). Therefore, Francisco will hold that none of the complaints could have blocked off the others.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. That, shorn of fancy lawyer talk, is one big part of the rule of law. The justices read the one-year bar liberally in favor of the "accused." This gave solace to the Chief Justice, who was worthy, but now it purportedly gives safe haven to GMA, who is not. The solution is not to fudge what the Court said in Francisco, but to carry out our compelling intuitions through the disciplined craft of the law, and in Unger's words, "find the mind's opportunity in the heart's revenge." Remember Sun Tzu: Take away the energy of the enemy, take away their heart.

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# Political surprises

**ANALYSIS**

*Amando Doronila*

REALIGNMENTS are beginning to take shape in both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the early stage of the impeachment proceedings against President Macapagal-Arroyo, heightening the uncertainty over the final outcome.

Two recent developments have underlined the infirmity and volatility of the alignments over the impeachment issue. The first was the withdrawal on Wednesday by Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay of his signature on the impeachment complaint. Magsaysay's withdrawal came a day after four House allies of the President abandoned her to join the impeachment proponents.

Whatever were the causes of Magsaysay's withdrawal and the defection of four others cannot be established immediately, but what seems clear is that the move to impeach the President is nowhere nearer its target of obtaining the 79 signatures needed to endorse the complaint to the Senate for trial than it was on July 25, when the first complaint was lodged in the House. The complaint is still 33 signatures short of the number required to allow the complaint to go directly to the Senate bypassing the House committee on justice in which the complaint has been bogged down on procedural issues.

As things now stand, 46 congressmen have signed the complaint. On July 25, a headcount by the INQUIRER indicated that 67 had "committed" themselves to impeachment, but 31 days later, it appears that the opposition has not been able to marshal the numbers to accelerate the impeachment process while the complaint has lost momentum in the committee on justice.

The committee is grappling with the issue of which of the three complaints should be recognized for early action. The issue that needs to be resolved is whether the initial complaint filed by lawyer Oliver Lozano inhibits the filing of two other complaints. The resolution of this issue is taking time.

The numbers game is proving to be a formidable barrier to fast-tracking the impeachment process and reveals the political weakness of the opposition.

The other development, not directly related to impeachment, was the decision last Wednesday of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile to coalesce with the 14-member Senate majority. Enrile has for some time now regarded himself as an independent senator, and his decision formalizes his break with the official opposition. It is not clear what the basis is of the new coalition or whether the new majority is concerned mainly with passage of legislation.

This new coalition does not give assurance to President Arroyo that she can count on it in the event of the transmittal of the impeachment complaint to the Senate.

To begin with, Senate President Franklin Drilon and his Liberal Party colleagues in the Senate are no longer the President's allies following Drilon's and the LP's withdrawal of support from the President on July 8. The new majority is a mixed group, composed mainly of independent-minded senators whose position on legislative issues are not defined by party affiliation. There is less certainty of their votes in an impeachment trial.

The severance of Drilon's alliance with the President cannot be put in the same category as the defection of the 10 Cabinet secretaries from the administration. The 10 were members of the President's official family. On the other hand, Drilon belongs to an independent branch of government and is the leader of a party which was a political partner in an alliance, in which the party worked not as subordinates of the President, unlike the Cabinet members, and had independence in alliance making. Thus, there should be different contexts and explanations in Drilon's break with the alliance and with that of the so-called Hyatt 10. Drilon has more flexibility in alliance-making as the current crisis unfolds.

While the switch of Enrile to the working majority weakens the opposition in the Senate, it also creates instability in the majority which is not bound by steadfast loyalty to the President.

These two developments undermine the rather deterministic notion that impeachment is a political trap in which the President is said to enjoy a political advance to defeat an impeachment action due to the superior numbers of her legislative allies. The impeachment path is strewn with land mines that could make outcomes—either in the House or in the Senate—extremely unpredictable.

Impeachment is fraught with as many dangers to the President as they are to those driving the complaint. No side can take things for granted. The President is obliged to present a credible defense in an impeachment trial to persuade a number of independent senators that she deserves exoneration. Anything less will not work in her favor.

But one can't be too sure that some freak events would not develop to favor the opposition's effort to win enough votes to send the complaint to the Senate. On the other hand, the opposition has to work harder to overcome the numbers of presidential allies in the House.

The President is fighting for her political life. It is therefore foolhardy to think that she will not use the advantages of incumbency to defeat the impeachment move. In these circumstances, the opposition should not expect that an impeachment package will be handed to them, without sweat, like breakfast-in-bed service. The opposition has to work under the reality of the dynamics of the political system.

As for observers inclined to believe in the scenario of an inflexible and static political alliance, they might be due for a big shock in the outcome. Political crises in this country bring stunning surprises that demolish pet theories and predictions.

# 'Hibakusha'

**PINOY KASI**

*Michael L. Tan*

"HIBAKUSHA" is the Japanese term used to refer to survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 60 years ago.

Curious about the term, I did some research and was amazed at how much has been produced about the *hibakusha*. One particularly fascinating article looked at how the themes of atomic bombs and the threat of nuclear war have become a distinct genre in Japanese cinema (including the "Godzilla" films!) as well as *manga* comics.

The more I read about the *hibakusha*, the more I felt that in many ways, regardless of age or nationality, we are all *hibakusha*, torn between wanting to remember and yet fearing the pain that comes with those memories.

### Heroes, villains

Last week, I wrote about a symposium organized by the Phi Kappa Phi at the University of the Philippines on "Truth-telling and national healing," with Dr. Ma. Lourdes Carandang as the guest speaker. Everyone agreed it was important to remember the past, but there were different views on how we should go about it.

An example comes with the Japanese occupation, which receives so little attention in our history classes and textbooks. My "memories" of the war come mainly from my mother, about the day the war broke out and people shouting, "*Gyera na! Gyera na!*" It was about living in constant fear of the Japanese soldiers encamped right across their home. It was about Japanese soldiers coming one day and arresting her father. He was jailed at Fort Santiago and sentenced to death for being one of the leaders in the Chinese business community that boycotted Japanese goods. It was about the Americans returning and working for them as a secretary, which included censoring soldiers' letters for any mention of where they were, and for curse words.

Growing up on my mother's recollections spelled out American heroes and Japanese villains. College history lessons topped off this fare with tales of guerrilla heroes and traitorous collaborators.

Dr. Emerenciana Arcellana, professor emeritus in political science, was at the UP symposium and while she agreed that we need to remember the past, she also warned against simplistic conclusions, especially around the issue of collaborators. She reminded the audience that Filipinos were never conscripted into the Japanese Imperial Army, unlike the Koreans, for example, and that this happened in part because Filipino officials were able to negotiate with the Japanese occupation forces.

As she spoke, I thought, too, of the resistance against the Japanese, valiant to be sure, but then there was also Ferdinand Marcos and his claims to being one of the most fearless of these fighters.

### 'Nikkei-jin'

A more concrete example of the need to rethink the past comes with the way we look at the Japanese who came to the Philippines before the war. UP Iloilo professor Ma. Luisa Mabunay (Meloy to me from way back) dropped by my office the other day for a bit of "memory-searching," her current research interest being the *Nikkei-jin*, descendants of those Japanese.

When the war broke out, the Japanese in the Philippines were rounded up and placed in internment camps, like their counterparts in the United States. They were freed when the Japanese Imperial Army invaded the Philippines, and many of their men were hastily drafted into military service. Since many Filipinos at that time remember seeing their former civilian neighbors suddenly wearing military uniforms, it's not surprising they concluded all these Japanese were sent in before the war as spies.

We will never know if they were spies, but Meloy says the Japanese who came here were often impoverished, taking up jobs as gardeners, construction laborers and farmers. The largest sector among the Japanese in Iloilo consisted of fishers from Okinawa.

After the war broke out, Filipinos understandably became quite hostile to them and toward the end of the war, these Japanese civilians suffered terribly. Meloy interviewed some of the survivors, who told her about how they fled Iloilo City, attempting to get to Leon for refuge.

Most never made it. In the hills of Cabatuan and Maasin, they found themselves trapped between American and Filipino troops. Many were ready for *jiketsu* or "self-determination," a euphemism for an honorable suicide. But the guerrilla troops got to the Japanese first, executing women and children. Survivors remember some of the children crying out after the massacre; they had survived because their mothers had shielded them with their bodies.

### Vaporized

The Aug. 1 issue of Time magazine quotes one atomic bomb survivor's description of the blast as "blue-yellow and very beautiful." As she ran through the streets, she saw "people moaning from pain, with eyes popped out and intestines coming out of their stomachs."

The magazine also quotes Col. Paul Tibbets, the commanding officer for the Hiroshima mission, as he visited Nagasaki after the blast: "I saw a lot of hatred in their eyes, but I could also see that they were glad the war was over... I went up to the top of a hill where a hospital was. I saw a poor guy begging by the side of it; it looked as if he was still bleeding, and his clothes were all ripped up. I felt so sorry for him. Inside the hospital I saw a shadow on the wall—a person had obviously been walking by that wall when the bomb went off."

The atomic bomb literally vaporized people.

Those who saw World War II are now over 60. Their memories need to be retrieved and conserved for future generations. It's clear, too, the memory-keeping must come from all "sides." I've written about a photo exhibit at the Remedios church in Malate showing Manila at the end of the war. At the Museo Iloilo, ongoing till Sept. 30, Meloy has a photographic exhibit showing the lives of the *Nikkei-jin* on Panay island. Those pictures of *Nikkei-jin* families and schoolchildren should become part of our memories as well.

The shadows of the dead in Hiroshima and Nagasaki should remind us, too, that we still live in another kind of terrible shadow today, that of thousands of nuclear warheads. In 1945, there were only six nuclear stockpiles, all belonging to the United States. By 1986, at the height of the Cold War, there were 65,000 known stockpiles. The tension has eased but in 2002, there were still about 20,000 stockpiles, the United States and Russia accounting for 90 percent of them.

The nuclear race continues, affecting us often in unexpected ways. This latest crisis of spiraling oil prices was set off when Iran retaliated against world pressure to stop its nuclear program.

The American pilots who dropped the bombs are *hibakusha*, too, their voices blending with those of the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and of the *Nikkei-jin* to remind us that with or without atomic bombs, war turns us all into fragile beings, ready at any time to be obliterated.

# Angels and suffragists

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

A HUNDRED years ago, a group of young women, led by Concepcion Felix and including Trinidad Rizal, sister of the national hero, met and organized the Asociacion Feminista Filipina, dedicated not just to defending and upholding the rights of Filipino women but also to advancing the nationalist cause.

A year later, in 1906, Pura Villanueva, at that time an 18-year-old lass from a prominent family in Iloilo, convened the Asociacion Feminista Ilonga. But while their sisters in Manila chose to concentrate on improving the welfare of women and children widowed and orphaned during the Filipino-American War through Gota de Leche, the first private social welfare institution initiated by women in the country, the Ilonggas embraced a loftier cause: winning the right to vote for Filipino women.

Little did they know that 31 years would pass before they would finally win for women the most basic right of citizenship. But if the suffragists ever lagged in their determination, or flagged in their dedication to the cause, they showed little proof of it. When the Philippine Assembly placed an additional imposition before the suffrage measure could be passed, subjecting the issue to a national plebiscite, the suffragists, Concepcion Felix de Rodriguez and Pura Villanueva Kalaw among them, hitched up their long skirts, pulled their *panuelos* tighter around their shoulders and campaigned from town to town, city to city. On April 30, 1937, Plebiscite Day, women trooped to the polling centers and voted overwhelmingly in favor of suffrage.

Finally, on Sept. 15 that year, President Manuel Quezon signed the Woman Suffrage Law, bringing to fruition the dreams that drove the country's first feminists.

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SADLY, a movie or even a TV special has yet to be made documenting and dramatizing this epic struggle to gain for Filipino women the most basic recognition of their rights as citizens.

But if anybody's contemplating such a project, he or she would have a wonderful template in "Iron Jawed Angels," an HBO original movie which will have its Asian premiere on Sept. 6. Starring Hilary Swank and Angelica Huston, "Iron Jawed Angels" tells the story of a group of younger women who, impatient with the slow and conventional political struggle being waged by the mainstream suffragist movement, decided to take a bolder, more confrontational approach.

Swank stars as Alice Paul, the Quaker activist who defies the counsel of older suffragists, such as Carrie Chapman Catt, portrayed by Angelica Huston, who prefer a policy of accommodation through the slow, painstaking means of getting state legislatures to pass suffrage laws.

The younger women, who set up the American Women's Party, are bent on getting President Woodrow Wilson's personal endorsement of the 19th Amendment, citing his own lofty rhetoric about democracy and the people's right to proper representation. Even as America finds itself embroiled in World War I, they persist in their confrontational tactics, including mounting a vigil by the White House gate. When the women are finally arrested for "obstructing traffic," they are hauled off to prison where, launching a hunger strike and refusing all attempts to get them to eat, they earn the sobriquet "Iron Jawed Angels."

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THIS made-for-TV movie succeeds in dramatizing the sacrifices made by American suffragists in winning a right women today take for granted.

The sacrifices include not just enduring imprisonment, forced feedings and maltreatment, but also forsaking romance and marriage, and in the case of a sympathizer married to a senator, even placing a "successful" marriage, as well as her social standing, at risk. But the biggest sacrifice of all is paid by Inez Mulholland (played by Julia Ormond), a beautiful lawyer and brilliant speaker, who agrees to go on a grueling national speaking tour despite her health problems, leading to her death.

More than once, I've heard younger women declare themselves "post-feminists," which I take to mean that they no longer feel the need to confront the "women's question" in their lives and in society. And indeed, thanks to women like Alice Paul and Concepcion Felix and Pura Villanueva and their followers in the women's movement, "post-feminists" can afford to take their rights, dreams, aspirations and autonomy for granted. "Iron Jawed Angels" should remind all of us how difficult has been the struggle, how fragile are our gains, and how easy everything we have won can be taken from us.

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ABOUT the same time that "Iron Jawed Angels" will be airing, another movie, destined for the big screen, will be tackling women's issues from a more intimate, smaller and more personal point-of-view.

"The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" is adapted from a popular novel for juvenile readers that tells the story of four friends who, before starting summer vacation where they will be separated for the first time, find a pair of vintage jeans that, by some miracle, fits all of them perfectly.

They agree to share the "lucky" pants among themselves, convinced that only good things can happen to anyone wearing the jeans. In that one summer, the four teens live through the perils of first romance, divorce and the re-marriage of a parent, the death of a friend, and the dangers of living in denial.

Suffragists and feminists might scoff at the treatment given to the problems faced by four young women of privileged backgrounds and what may seem like self-imposed emotional crises. Then again, who are we to tell women what is important and not important? If feminism is about giving everyone choices, then it is imperative that we respect those choices as well, even if we feel we would not have made the same ones.

# Crime and punishment in Spanish times

**LOOKING BACK**

*Ambeth R. Ocampo*

WHEN people ask me difficult questions I cannot answer offhand, I remind them that I am not Ernie Baron who has built a reputation as a "walking Encyclopedia," whatever that means. At the very least, Baron is humble enough not to claim omniscience like God, unlike some academics I know who are just waiting to be struck down by lightning one day. Filipinos are easily impressed by memory and mistake having a great deal of disjointed facts lying around in the head ready for use at any given time for knowledge.

Because of my failure to answer questions as well as the fact that I still have a head full of black hair, make people doubt the things I say or write. My memory is good for useless things like Rizal's waistline, the length of Bonifacio's bolo or Mabini's favorite dance steps. It is not deep enough for something like a diachronic analysis of the effect of the Philippine economy on the political situation from 1565-1965. Neither do I have a knack for dates and names, thus I have over the years developed research skills.

Students do not need to waste their time on memory work. The more important skill they should learn is to know where to find the answers to nagging questions in a library or the Internet. In my area of specialization, I have spent hours reading bibliographies and finding guides in a vain attempt to get a view of the landscape. So far, I have only seen a faint outline and not the entire horizon. Bibliographies may not be the best things to bring on a beach vacation, but in my own bizarre way I find these fascinating.

Even professional Filipiniana librarians smile when I tell them how much I have enjoyed browsing through the basic references on the Spanish period: Wenceslao Emilio Retana's handsome three-volume "Aparato bibliografico de la historia general de Filipinas" (Barcelona, 1906), Trinidad H, Pardo de Tavera's "Biblioteca Filipina" (Washington, 1903) and last but not least Jose Toribio Medina's "Imprenta de Manila desde sus origenes hasta 1810" (Santiago de Chile 1896). These bibliographies not only describe the books physically (size and number of pages, place of publication, etc.), they also contain abstracts of the contents as well as opinions on their reliability or usefulness. In the case of Pardo de Tavera, he even steps beyond the academic politesse and lambasts a certain author he did not like both professionally and personally.

Aside from the bibliographies above, another of my eccentric pastimes is going over the two-volume index to the 55-volume "Philippine Islands" as compiled by "Blair and Robertson." The entries on "Crime and Criminals" cover a page and a half and the classification alone is worth a doctoral dissertation, because the notion of crime alone says so much about a specific society in a given time. Society defines crime and sets the mode of punishment. If you want a different angle to study Philippine society and history, crime and punishment are the way to go.

There are separate entries for crimes committed by Filipinos, Spaniards and Chinese. Specific crimes are then listed: bodily violence (assault and battery), torture, stabbing, poisoning, murder (assassination, homicide, infanticide and parricide). All these cover a third of a page, while another third is concerned with dishonesty: gambling is quite sizeable and one shouldn't be surprised to find the historical roots of *jueteng* here. There are entries on bribery, smuggling, usury, forgery, counterfeiting, swindling, embezzlement, robbery and highway robbery. All these still plague us today although on a different scale and form.

Crimes of impurity share the same number of entries as crimes against religion. Then as now, they had adultery, incest, improper relations (concubinage and licentiousness), rape, bigamy, polygamy. Sodomy was lumped with "sin against nature" or homosexuality. The crimes against religion, like blasphemy, simony and teaching of erroneous doctrines, may still be with us today, but in our pluralistic society we don't notice them as much as they did in the Spanish Philippines.

There were other crimes: debt, false witness, treason, conspiracy, arson, perjury, abduction, libel and even obscure crimes among natives like tale-bearing and breaking the silence taboo.

Going through all these will provide enough material for creative writers searching for material to use in novels and short stories.

Significantly, if you turn to the entries on "Penalties" for the above crimes, you will find about seven pages enumerating: arrest and imprisonment (slavery, and being sentenced to galleys), confiscation, exile and banishment, fines, loss of office, disqualification from municipal elections, etc. There is a lot of corporal punishment: mutilation, lashes (flogging, scourging, whipping, etc.), *bastinado*, suspension by the arms, cutting of hair, short rations of water, being cast into the sea, pounding rice. Then there was capital punishment through burning, decapitation, drowning, flaying, garrote, hanging, shooting, stabbing, etc. Ecclesiastical punishments are also listed: excommunication, censure and interdict, public penance, silence and seclusion, etc.

Crime and punishment is a way to study Philippine society but basic material lies largely unused in Blair and Robertson.

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# Asia's only Christian nation losing sense of pride, propriety, decency

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

AS I read about news reports on *jueteng*, I can't help but heave a sigh of frustration, thinking how morality in our country, which is the only Christian nation in Asia, has rapidly degenerated. As a result, Filipinos—educated or not—seem to be losing their sense of pride, propriety and decency, as they focus only on things that benefit their stomachs and pockets.

I grew up in a remote barangay, and I saw not a few people waste whole days just waiting for their bets on jueteng to win. Some even stole from their very own families and neighbors just to have betting money. Of course, there were those who won.

But try to get the ratio of the number of winners to the number of losers. Out of every 100 bettors, how many are winners? In your own place, how frequent do you hear that someone has won? On a daily, weekly or monthly basis? Every jueteng draw involves more than a thousand "number combinations" and only one number combination is drawn to have a winner. One winner out of a thousand losers? The ratio could be greater. What is your estimate?

This sad fact stares us in the face: jueteng, like graft and corruption, is one of the roots of many evils. Yet, we continue to tolerate this illegal activity because it "put a roof over our heads, gave us an education and filled our stomachs."

**—KARL MARQUEZ, Karl_I_Marquez@Yahoo.com**

## GMA should heed her own advice

AS a participant of Edsa II, I rejoiced at what I considered our people's "victory." To memorialize the events, I made a scrapbook. Recently, I went over it and came across a newspaper article dated Oct. 26, 2000, titled "Gloria says economic problem will worsen unless Erap resigns."

In the article, then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo asked for Estrada's resignation due to a "crisis in confidence." She also said: "... a political problem requires a political solution... It pains me to say that the only solution is resignation."

The country is now experiencing the same kind of "crisis in confidence." GMA should follow her own advice. She should resign for the sake of our country. We are in a crisis primarily because of GMA, not because of our system of government. Any form of government can only be as good as its leader.

In 2000, surveys said that 54 percent of respondents wanted President Estrada to resign. Today, surveys say 70 percent want GMA out. Isn't that convincing enough?

GMA gave sound advice then. She should be humble enough to accept her own prescription.

In that same article, then Lakas spokesman, Rep. Hernando Perez said, "...the party will use all means to have a change in leadership." Why should GMA's party now criticize the opposition for doing the same?

GMA has betrayed the trust our people gave her at Edsa II. Corruption charges, graver than those that the president she ousted was accused of, have been thrown her way. What makes GMA more dangerous is that, in her selfish desire to cling to power, she irresponsibly encourages threats of dividing our country.

I strongly agree with Conrado de Quiros (PDI, 8/03/05): "... Ousting GMA by itself won't solve all our problems, but it sure as hell, or heaven, will solve a great many of them. The fact that we had a procession of corrupt presidents doesn't make stopping a current one less imperative, it makes it more so!"

I appeal to all nationalistic Filipinos! Let us not get tired of going back to the streets to demand morality and integrity in our leadership!

**—ZENAIDA ALFON, 101 Cosmopolitan Tower, Valero Street, Makati City**

## Impeaching the President

I BELIEVE everyone cheated in the election in varying degrees. But who's hurling the mud at Arroyo? The Estradas, Loren Legarda, Imee Marcos—the usual suspects eager to grab power! Is that the alternative we want? No way! Enough with the Marcoses, Estradas, *trapos*, red flags in rallies. Let's move on. Let Arroyo finish her term. Let's move the Philippines for the sake of our children and our children's children. Enough!—**Er Vasol, emergencyroom20022002@gmail.com**

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We must not be blinded by arguments like, "Let's move on. We have nobody qualified to replace her. It's a waste of time and money." If we allow these to let free someone with no regard for the law, who disrespects processes and institutions, and who laughed her way to Malacañang, we cannot speak of respecting rights.

We may be guilty of letting a person who has brazenly destroyed the meaning of respect for others continue her illegitimate march to glory. Let the impeachment prove her guilt or innocence once and for all!—**Cris Dominguez Jr., Fairview, Quezon City**

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If Virgilio Garcillano is not guilty, why is he hiding? If he's clean, he has nothing to be afraid of. The National Bureau of Investigation, Senate, Congress, Department of Justice, Bureau of Immigration and the people of the Philippines are all looking for Garci, but have we at any point heard President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Ignacio Bunye or even Michael Defensor looking for Garci?

It's about time Malacañang made a public appeal to Garci to please come home and show everyone they are not guilty."—**Mel T Pagkatipunan, Bin Jarallah Group**

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Wake up, my countrymen. If Arroyo really wants to serve our country, she must submit herself voluntarily to be examined. If not, a lot of questions and criticisms may arise that she is in that position not for the country but for her own personal interest.—**John Ramos, jjjl2531best@yahoo.com**

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# TRO on Maliksi suspension issued

TRECE MARTIRES CITY—After nine sleepless nights, Cavite Gov. Erineo "Ayong" Maliksi will finally enjoy the comforts of his bed at home.

The Court of Appeals (CA) yesterday granted Maliksi's request for a temporary restraining order (TRO), which blocked the Office of the Ombudsman from implementing its six-month suspension order on him.

Maliksi admitted having restless nights after he holed himself up inside his office at the capitol since he was ordered suspended by the Ombudsman last week.

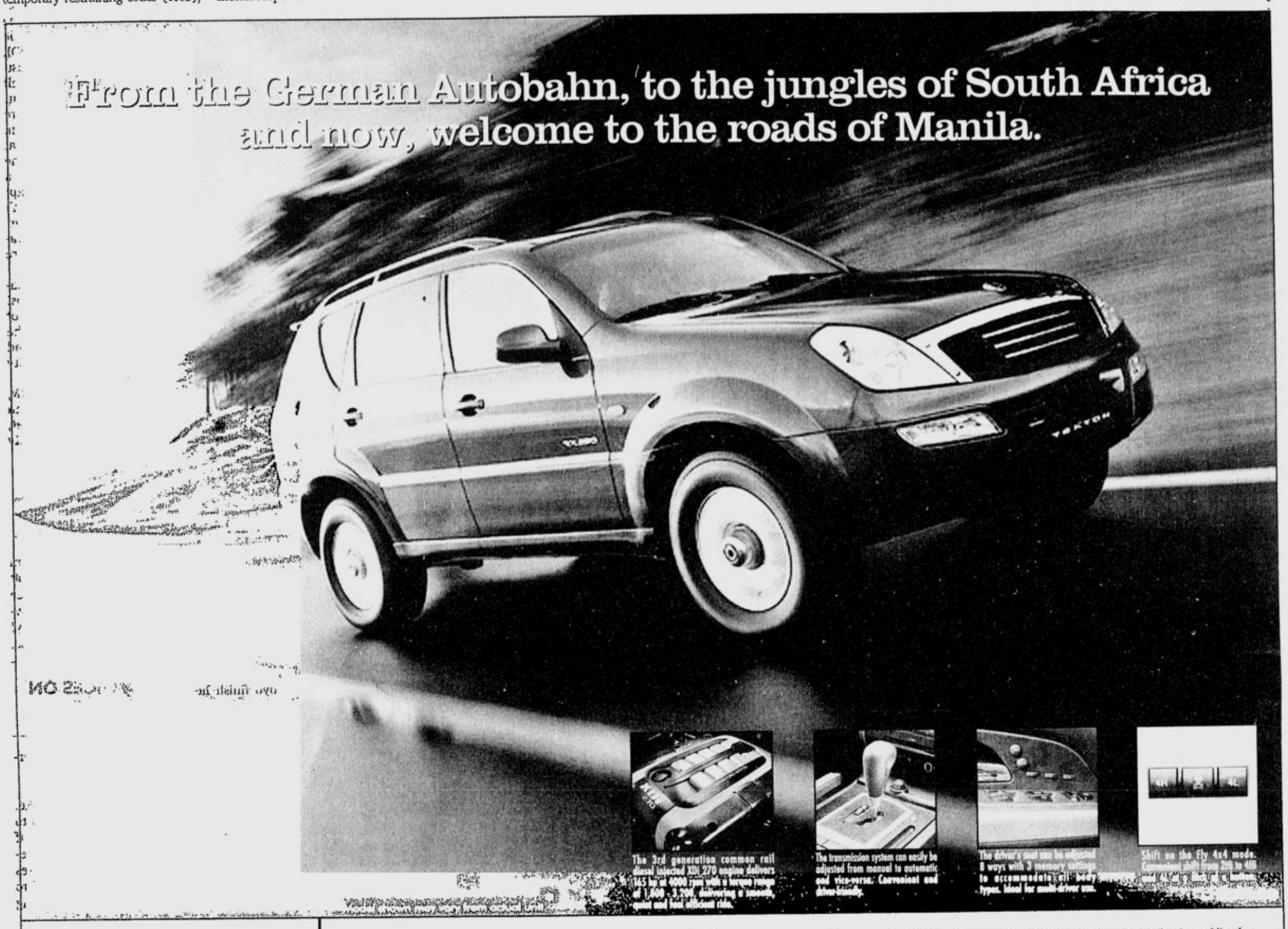
In a three-page resolution, Associate Justice Ruben Reyes of the CA's Fifth Division issued the 60-day TRO against the Ombudsman to avoid "any grave and irreparable injury" to the Cavite governor.

The ruling said the Ombudsman failed to give Maliksi due process to allow him to explain his position on the graft charges filed by Vice Gov. Johnvic Remulla regarding the alleged spurious purchase of P7.5 million of rice last year.

The TRO was signed by Reyes and concurred in by Associate Justices Josefina Guevarra-Salonga and Fernanda Lampas-Peralta.

The CA directed Maliksi to post the required P500,000 bond within five days.

It also ordered the Ombudsman and Remulla to explain within 10 days why the preliminary injunction on Maliksi's case should not be given. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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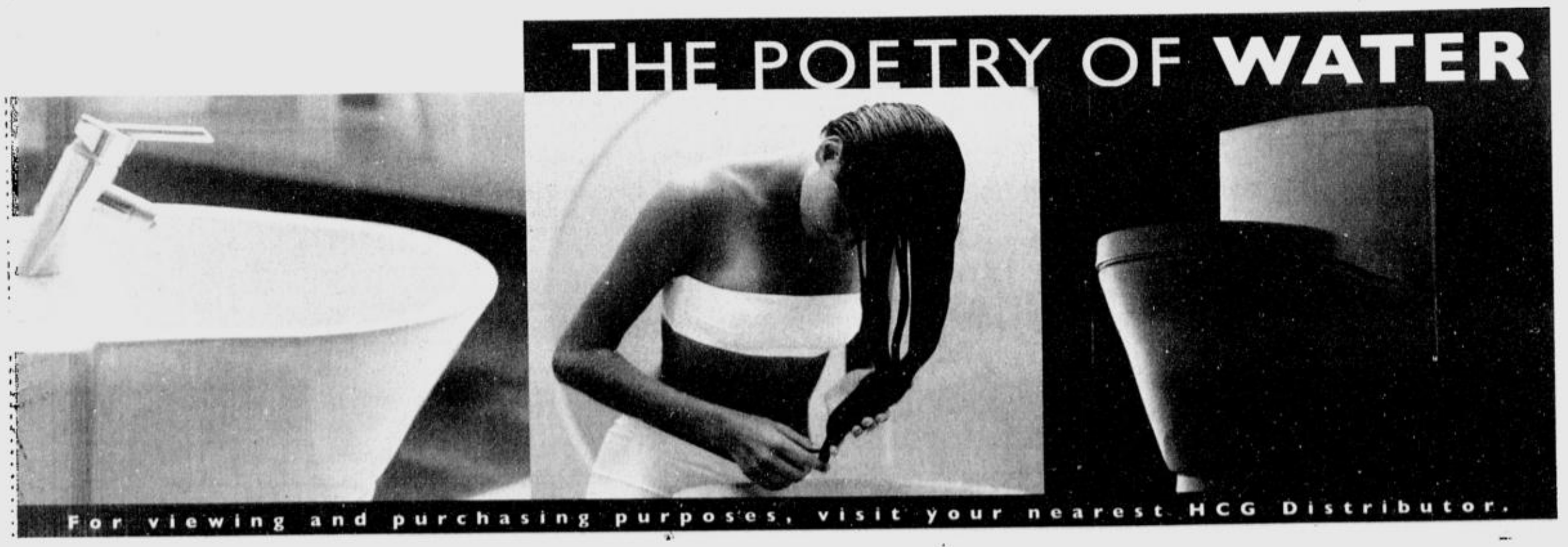

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# 2 Negros provinces agree to go 'organic'

By Carla P. Gomez
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

BACOLOD CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo on Wednesday witnessed the signing of an agreement between two governors of Negros Island for a joint venture that would make it into the "organic food island of Asia."

Governors Joseph Marañon of Negros Occidental and George Arnaiz of Negros Oriental signed the Memorandum of Agreement in Tanjay City, Negros Oriental.

The agreement calls for the creation of the multimillion-peso Negros Island Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Foundation that will oversee the establishment of a joint venture export processing zone for organic produce, among others.

According to Arnaiz, the President expressed her support for the effort.

Initially, Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental will put up P10 million each for the joint venture. Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban has committed P10 million from the Department of Agriculture, Arnaiz said.

Marañon reiterated that this venture will enable Negros Island to tap into the growing $20 billion annual organic market.

"Our goal is to make Negros the organic food island of Asia," Marañon told the INQUIRER.

According to the agreement, the two provinces are committed to place at least 10 percent of their land on the island under organic production by the year 2010.

Both provinces also promised to pass ordinances that would ban the "entry, introduction and importation of genetically modified plants or animals within six months from execution of the MOA."

The two provinces would also work closely with the private sector in implementing the agreement.

They will also establish their respective provincial sustainable agricultural and rural development boards three months from the signing of the agreement.

The boards will be responsible for formulating policies on food security through sustainable agriculture centered on organic production, bio-security on the island, rural development through such agriculture and biodiversity conservation, the agreement said.

Arnaiz said among their first joint ventures will be the importation of cattle from Australia through an integrated association of cattle raisers in both provinces.

To enable easy access, he said, they plan to set up the office of the foundation in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.

Through the joint venture, Marañon said the goal of Negros is to produce organic livestock, swine, poultry and high value vegetable products for sale in the world market.

## Stray dog attacks in Lanao on the rise

OZAMIZ CITY—Close to two dozen people suffered dog bites in various parts of their body as stray dogs attacked a village in Magsaysay, Lanao del Norte, town officials said yesterday.

The attacks were noted since Sunday according to Charles Yongco, municipal information officer.

"Some of the dogs attacked ferociously like the one that jumped on a victim's face that resulted in bruises and a bite on the nose," he said.

Yongco said some of the dogs were very aggressive.

Apart from waiting for their victims by the roadside, one of the dogs entered a house and bit a sleeping victim.

As of Wednesday, at least 23 cases of dog attacks had been recorded.

Yongco said most of the victims suffered bites in the face, arms and breasts.

"The victims already sought medical assistance from the local health office for dog bites," he said.

Yongco said residents have also asked the municipal government to help them defray the cost of medication. *Ryan Rosauro, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## *Couple land in jail as they seek daughter's freedom from TV cult*

BAGUIO CITY—The parents who fought to recover their 19-year-old daughter from the custody of a television evangelist and his religious group are now in jail.

Aurelio and Erlinda Rillon, who are critics of Apollo Quiboloy, founder of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, His Name Above Other Names Inc., were arrested on Thursday on the strength of a Davao City prosecutor's warrant for libel.

Quiboloy's group sued the Rillon couple in Davao City for claiming that it has recruited young adults and teenagers like their daughter, Arlene, to earn money for the church.

Erlinda cried when she and her husband were led down the Baguio City Jail, accompanied by some 20 members of the local religious groups Beacons of Christ Inc. and the Fourth Watch and the Gabriela party-list group.

The church members had picketed the jail to protest the Rillons' arrest.

But the city jail officials declined to keep the couple because the city's cells are cramped with 516 inmates.

The Rillons were sent to the holding cell of Precinct 7 to give them time to raise their P20,000 bail.

Erlinda said they have managed to raise P8,000 and have been relying on pledges from sympathetic groups, neighbors and the Department of Social Welfare and Development to raise the balance of their bail bond.

Baguio media outfits have also started a fund drive to help the couple.

Erlinda, who was a Kingdom member, allowed Arlene to join a Kingdom-sponsored Davao youth camp in 2004 when she was 18 years old, after being promised by coordinators that she would return home.

But Arlene chose to stay at the Kingdom's headquarters to train as a church leader, according to court records.

The Rillons sued the Kingdom's Baguio coordinators for abducting and detaining their daughter, but Judge Clarence Villanueva of the Baguio regional trial court was compelled to dismiss the case when Arlene turned 19 in August last year.

But Nelida Lizada, the Kingdom's central administrator, said the Rillons "caused the publication" of their charges in various media outfits and this cost the church its honor and reputation.

Emilio Dayanghirang III, a Davao prosecutor, said while the Rillons "were understandably hurt by the decision of their daughter" to join Quiboloy's group, "it does not, however, give them the right to defame the Kingdom..." *Vincent Cabreza and Donna Demetillo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# Arrest of execs in ₱46-M co-op fund scam ordered

ALABEL, Sarangani—The Sandiganbayan's 5th division ordered the arrest of several former officials here over the P46 million fund scam involving ghost cooperatives.

In the arrest warrants dated Aug. 23, Associate Justice Maria Cristina Cortez Estrada ordered the arrest of former Vice Gov. Felipe Constantino and former board member Marlind Marcelo.

In the same warrants, Estrada also ordered the arrest of former provincial accountant Maria Camanay, former provincial agriculturist Romeo Meole, provincial employees Patricio Sol, Nicalos Sunio and Suzette Clerigo, who were earlier ordered dismissed by the Ombudsman due to administrative complaints filed against them.

The Sandiganbayan set a P40,000 bail for each of the accused.

The Sarangani People's Action for Reform and Good Governance (Spare-Go) had filed administrative and criminal charges against the said provincial officials and employees linked to the multimillion fund scam, which was uncovered in 2003.

The fund anomaly was uncovered when the Commission on Audit (COA) conducted an audit.

It turned out that Constantino approved the release of the money to several cooperatives, which did not exist.

The anti-corruption coalition group based their complaints on the special audit report made by the COA and an investigation report submitted by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in 2003, which showed that the accused officials and employees connived to divert the government funds to their pockets.

A few months ago, Gov. Miguel Dominguez terminated Camanay, Meole, Sunio, Sol and Clerigo after the Ombudsman-Manila decided they were guilty of the charges against them.

Senior Supt. Efren Valeriano, Sarangani provincial police director, told the INQUIRER that he received the Sandiganbayan order through registered mail on Wednesday.

Valeriano said he already formed a team to implement the arrest order.

He said the police were also hunting down some of the accused officials, who already went into hiding.

Avelino Sichon, of Spare-Go, lauded the Sandiganbayan for issuing the order.

"This goes to show that stealing government money will not go unpunished if the people will only be vigilant. We are now reaping the fruits of our vigilance and sacrifices," Sichon said.
*Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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**LEADER**
**Staff Sergeant Rosemary Marbella on the lookout for "enemies" together with her team of mostly male Marine soldiers from the 4th Marine Infantry Brigade during their training under the Carat 2005 RP-US military exercises in San Antonio, Zambales.**

# 17 Chinese poachers to get pardon, says group

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Seventeen Chinese poachers, who are now serving prison terms at the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm here, are set to be released through a conditional presidential pardon, according to Palawan NGO Network Inc. (PNNI).

PNNI executive director Cleofe Bernardino said that the information came from their reliable partners in Manila.

She said that they are now verifying the veracity of the information by acquiring the pardon documents.

The order, she said, was already faxed to the Iwahig administration.

The Iwahig administration could not be reached for comment because the penal farm is located outside the city and there are no phone lines in its offices.

Bernardino said the pardon would be another insult to the Palaweños and law enforcers who have been fighting illegal fishing.

The 17 Chinese poachers were caught in Balabac municipality last year by the Philippine Navy and law enforcers.

At least 54 endangered marine turtles were found in their boat and some illegal fishing paraphernalia.

This was also the group on board the same vessel, who were caught at the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park in Cagayancillo, Palawan in 2003 but were released because of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and China.

When they were caught in Balabac, the court sentenced them to poaching and illegal fishing and for catching endangered species under the Fisheries Code of the Philippines.

Bernardino said the penalty for illegal fishing is 12-20 years of imprisonment.

Poaching has a subsidiary penalty of $100,000 per vessel.

Aside from diplomatic relations, Bernardino said the release could be connected to the trade relations between the Philippines and China.

"I am not saying we should not have trade relations with China but the full force of the law should be imposed on them," Bernardino said.

Lawyer Grizelda Mayo-Anda, of the Palawan-based Environmental Legal Assistance Center, said that the conditional pardon is another way of Ms Arroyo to please the Chinese government.

She said while the law is flawed because it just imposes a fine of $100,000 per vessel, the Chinese poachers' offense is not worthy of a presidential pardon.

For Palaweños, she said, it is not acceptable to just release the Chinese on conditional pardon because they had just been committed to the Iwahig prison recently. *Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

# DENR allows resumption of Aurora logging

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has lifted the suspension order on a timber company in Aurora, signaling the resumption of logging operations there after an eight-month nationwide ban following last year's deadly landslides.

Ricardo Calderon, forestry chief of the DENR in Central Luzon, confirmed on Thursday the permission given to the Industries Development Corp. (IDC) to resume operations.

The firm, based in Casiguran, Aurora, holds two DENR-issued integrated forest management agreements (Ifma) over 48,877 hectares, which expires in December 2025, and over 9,466 hectares, which ends in October 2007.

The INQUIRER sought the confirmation after two DENR sources claimed that the suspension orders on IDC, the Pacific Timber Export Corp. (Pateco) in Dilasag town; Luzon Mahogany Timber Corp. (Luzmatim) in Dinapigue, Isabela; and Furniture Group Inc. (FGI) and its sister company in Kalinga, were lifted on Aug. 17.

Regidor de Leon, DENR regional executive director, said the IDC was allowed to resume operations because of its "satisfactory performance."

Calderon said an evaluation team pooled from the DENR national office and non-government organizations made the endorsement to Environment Secretary Michael Defensor, he said.

The IDC, Calderon said, has yet to be notified of the order to restart operations.

"The [evaluation] team wants us to subject IDC to a thorough review of operations. The secretary (Defensor) wants emphasis on forest protection measures," Calderon said.

The DENR forest management and information bureaus confirmed the lifting order on IDC. But no similar order was issued to Pateco, Luzmatim and FGI.

Michael Ong, IDC vice president, said his company has yet to receive a copy of the order and has not yet started any activity in Aurora.

Joey Estriber, secretary general of the Multi-Sectoral Action Group of Aurora, said the environmental alliance will "explore all legal and other means to oppose corporate logging in the province."

He urged Congress to investigate the matter, saying the province and the residents were "not yet ready for another disaster."

"If the government can't stop it, maybe the New People's Army will," Estriber said, citing the warnings issued in January by communist rebels to timber companies.

Estriber said he was surprised with the decision because the lifting order came after Defensor reiterated the log ban policy in Aurora and Quezon in an Aug. 2 memorandum pertaining to the retrieval of washed out logs in the two provinces.

The clamor to reopen the IDC came from the municipal councils of Dilasag and Casiguran, which passed separate resolutions asking President Macapagal-Arroyo to allow "selective logging" in their areas.

The provincial board, on the other hand, passed in April Resolution No. 39 to air its desire to "create job employment opportunities in the wood-based industry through the implementation of sustainable forest management strategies." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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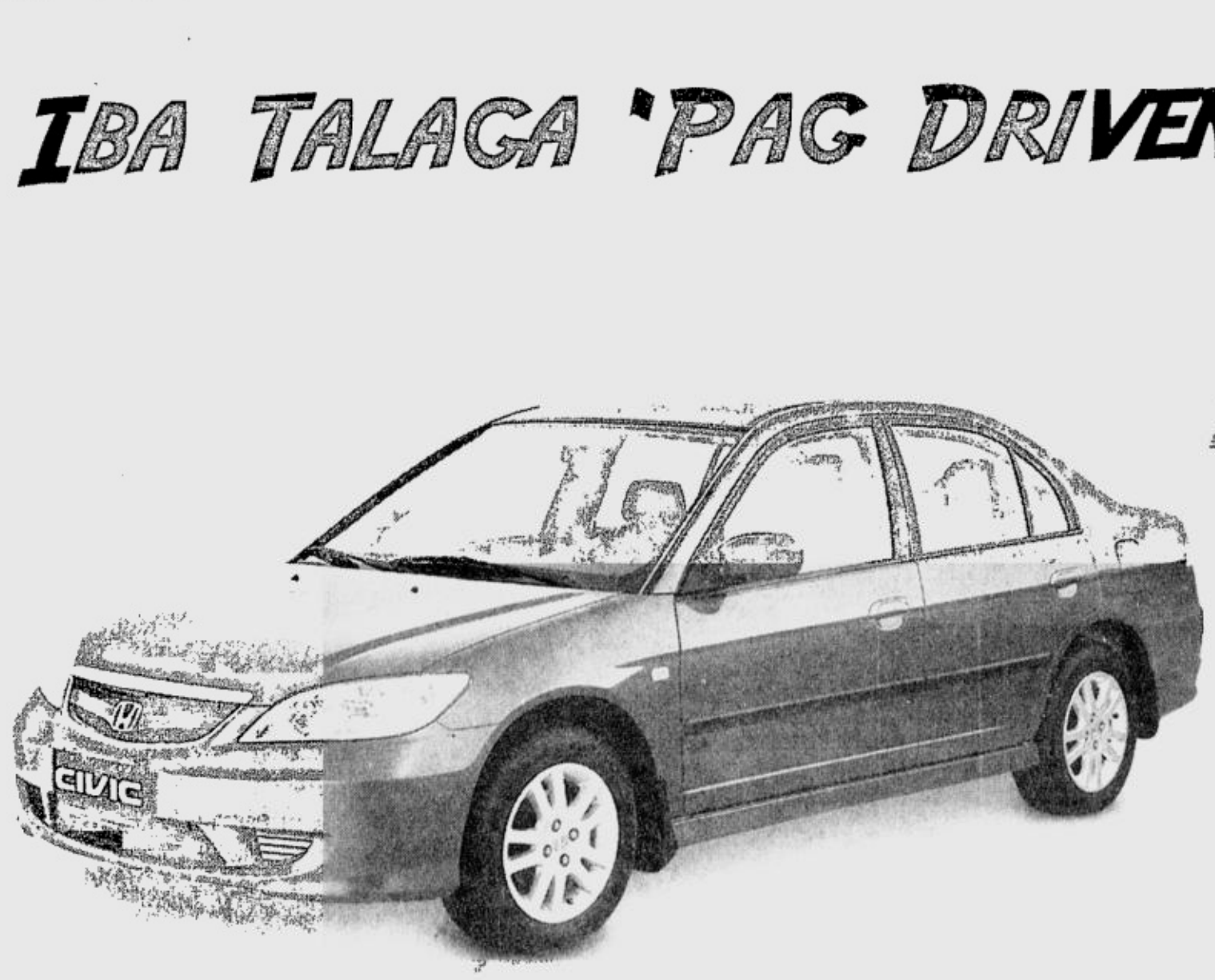

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# Gov't deploys 'enercops;' to conduct surprise visits

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foreign exchange reserves.

The country imports practically all of its oil (about 126 million barrels of oil last year), which hit a record $68 a barrel yesterday in the New York Mercantile Exchange after the United States reported a decline in gasoline stocks and China said its crude imports rose in July. *(Story on Page A1.)*

The President has said she would ask Congress to give her emergency powers to impose drastic conservation measures on the general public, including possible fuel rationing, if necessary.

"We cannot control the price of oil," Ms Arroyo said in the televised news conference with energy department officials. "But we can control our commitment to energy conservation and efficiency measures."

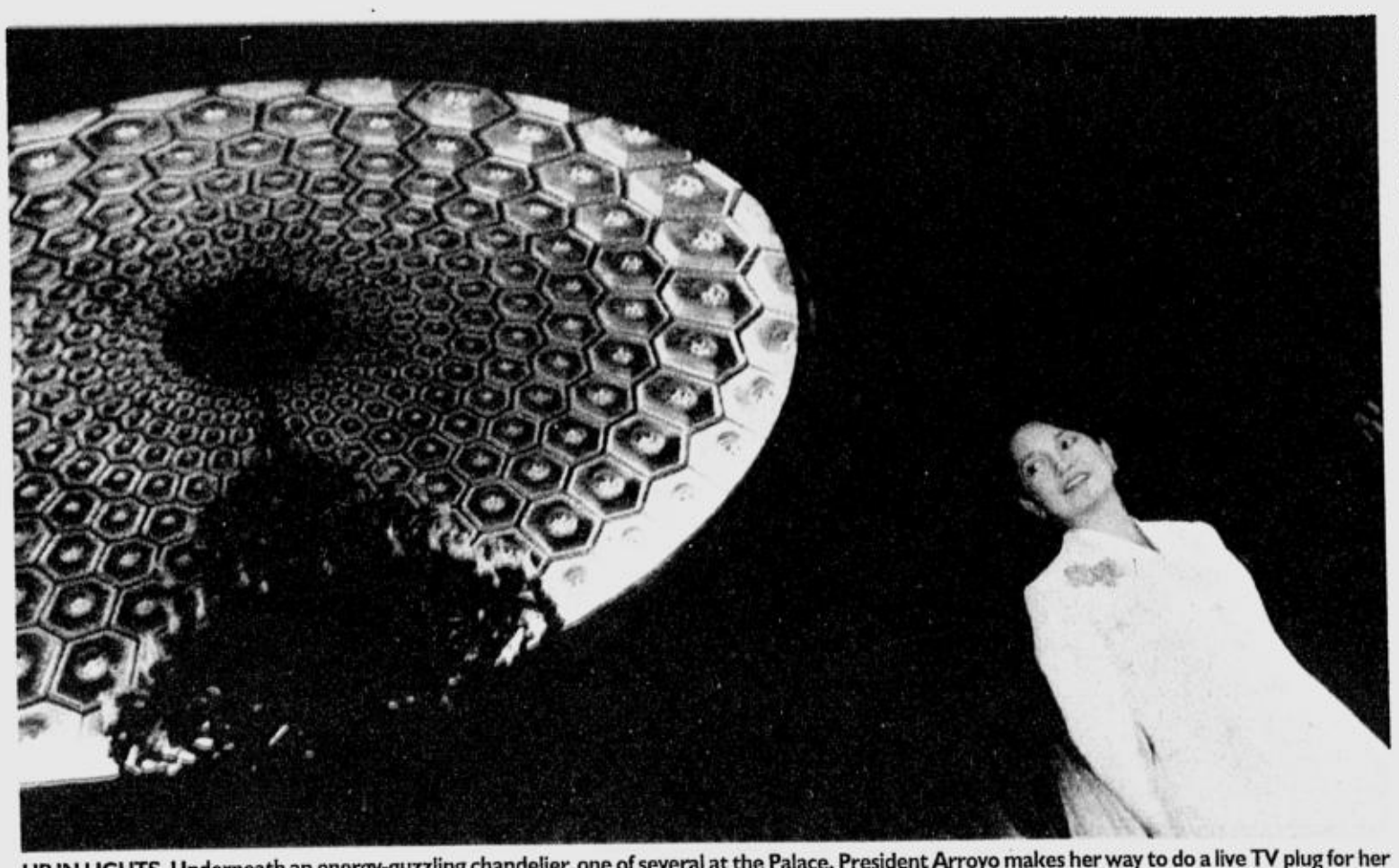
Ms Arroyo designated Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Waldo Flores and Energy Undersecretary Peter Abaya to head the energy audit team.

Abaya said the energy audit teams would begin next week unannounced spot checks of government offices, colleges and universities and state-owned corporations.

Under the new rules, government buildings must replace ordinary light bulbs with energy-saving fluorescent lamps and set air-conditioner thermostats at 25 degrees Celsius (77 Fahrenheit), turning them off an hour before the close of office hours, Abaya said.

Air-conditioning accounts for 70 percent of the electricity cost of offices in the country, he said.

The measures also require government buildings to reset their elevators to skip every other floor and employees to unplug computers that are not being used.



**UP IN LIGHTS. Underneath an energy-guzzling chandelier, one of several at the Palace, President Arroyo makes her way to do a live TV plug for her conservation measures in government offices, which will be checked by an "energy police" for compliance. The "EP" might well start right at Ms Arroyo's official residence.** EDWIN BACASMAS

### Travel restrictions

Travel restrictions have also been imposed on the government's fleet of 74,000 vehicles, which will have to start using gasoline or diesel mixed with ethanol or other renewable fuel additives. *(See story on Page A20.)*

Offices were asked to come up with a monthly fuel consumption report and records of daily entry and dispatch of service vehicles to prevent their illegal use for personal errands.

In addition, drivers have been banned from idling their vehicles in their parking lots and government agencies will be required to record the fuel consumption of all vehicles in their fleets.

Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes has directed all local government officials to strictly follow the clause ("For official use only") painted on the sides of many government vehicles.

In a directive, Reyes told governors and city and municipal mayors to adopt measures that would ensure the "optimum utilization" of petroleum products and vehicles in line with the government's energy conservation program.

### Never on Sundays

"With the continuous oil price hike in the world market, it is imperative for our local chief executives to cause the implementation of energy conservation steps or actions as well as provide an effective system of monitoring the implementation of such measures," Reyes said in a statement.

Reyes informed the local executives that Administrative Order No. 126 prohibits government officials, employees and other persons in authority from using government vehicles, aircraft and watercraft for private purposes.

"(They are also prohibited from using these vehicles) on Sundays, legal holidays, out of regular hours or out of official routes," he said.

### Grades to be posted

Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said agencies would be graded on their compliance with energy conservation measures and the grades would be posted in their respective offices.

Lotilla said among the government agencies that had performed well in bringing down energy costs was the Office of the Press Secretary (OPS).

The OPS has been able to save P200,000 a month since the issuance of an administrative order to cut down on costs early this year.

For its part, the Office of the President (OP) was able to save 11.8 percent on its fuel consumption from June last year to June this year, according to Flores. The OP was also able to save 264,600 kWh of power consumption during the period. *With reports from Norman Bordadora and AFP*

# Gov't cars to run on biodiesel

**By Blanche S. Rivera**

A GOVERNMENT corporation has started direct selling of cheaper coconut methyl ester or biodiesel to all government agencies to help them comply with a Malacañang directive to use 1 percent biodiesel in their fuel requirements.

The Natural Resources Development Corp., a revenue-generating arm of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, offers biodiesel at P66 per liter.

NRDC president Angelico Salud said he had written all departments to inform them of the availability of cheaper biodiesel from the NRDC after a command conference with President Macapagal-Arroyo last week.

The country's annual diesel consumption is around eight billion liters, according to the NRDC.

If all private and government vehicles with diesel engines would use 1 percent biodiesel, the demand is projected to reach 80 million liters of biodiesel.

"We're encouraging as much as 5 percent biodiesel additive for all government agencies, but we cannot dictate on the private sector," Salud said in an interview.

He expressed confidence that the NRDC, which has been selling biodiesel since 2003, could supply the projected demand when government agencies start complying with Memorandum Circular No. 55.

MC No. 55, issued in February last year, mandates all departments, attached agencies and GOCCs to incorporate 1 percent biodiesel in their diesel requirement.

Salud said those who had availed themselves of biodiesel from the NRDC included the DENR, Pag-Ibig, Government Service Insurance System, Philippine Convention and Visitors Corp., and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

A full tank or 50 liters of petrodiesel would require only 500 ml of biodiesel to comply with MC No. 55.

In his letter to other government agencies, Salud said that a 5-percent blend of biodiesel per liter of regular diesel would reduce smoke emission without any power loss.

The NRDC biodiesel comes in 20 liters, a drum of 200 to 400 liters, a tote tank of 1,000 liters and a tanker of 14,000 liters. The price of biodiesel decreases with increased volume.

"We shall appreciate your early response to allow us to inform the Office of the President of our compliance with the government's energy-saving measures and MC No. 55," Salud said in his letter dated Aug. 2.

The NDRC earned only about P1 million from biodiesel sales the past two years, but it expects revenues to triple this year due to the oil crisis.

The price of diesel has increased by at least P7 in the past six months as world crude oil prices have skyrocketed.

# Crude oil prices hit record $68 a barrel

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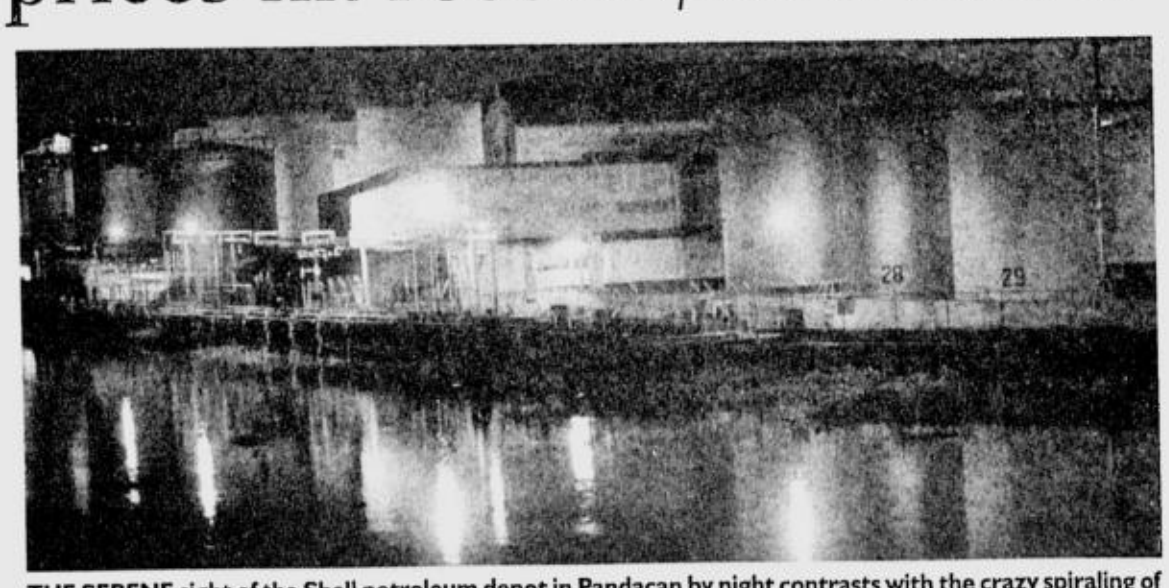
IMF managing director Rodrigo de Rato warned high oil prices posed a significant risk to global economic expansion, and said prices were not likely to fall in the near term.

Rato said both Indonesia and the Philippines needed to be vigilant to curb the inflationary threat of high oil prices.

In Indonesia, oil prices have pulled the local currency to a 41-month low and have slowed economic growth. In the Philippines, however, the peso yesterday closed unchanged at 56.06 to the dollar.

Tropical storm Katrina, with maximum sustained winds near 80 kph, kept markets on edge as it could threaten production facilities along the US coastline. Gulf production accounts for around 30 percent of US output and refineries have shut down as a precautionary measure against hurricanes.

Katrina was expected to reach hurricane strength on Thursday as it slowly approached the Florida coastline, the US National Hurricane Center said.



**THE SERENE sight of the Shell petroleum depot in Pandacan by night contrasts with the crazy spiraling of oil prices in the world market.** JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Some analysts, however, believe such fears are overemphasized because jittery traders latch onto any news with an upside bias.

"As with most storms, we think the fear factor is exceeding the likely impact," said Timothy Evans, senior energy analyst at IFR Energy Services in New York.

Even so, the price momentum was also supported by a US inventory report showing a decline in gasoline stocks and by China saying its crude imports spiked in July.

"Gasoline continues to take the market higher and the overall technical picture suggests that at some stage we are going to hit $70 a barrel," said Orin Middleton, an energy analyst at Barclays Capital in London.

Light sweet crude for October fell 41 cents to $66.91 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier reaching an intraday record of $68 in Singapore. On London's International Petroleum Exchange, October Brent crude oil futures fell 38 cents to $65.63 a barrel.

### Big China demand

The price spike in Asian trading also came after China released data showing that its crude imports rose 15 percent in July from a year earlier. In the first seven months of this year, China's crude oil imports have risen 5.4 percent compared to a year ago.

The United States and China are the world's top two consumers of crude, and China's growing appetite for crude is said to be one of the key reasons for the world's shrinking excess capacity to offset any lost output.

In Tokyo, Japan said its crude imports, while only rising 0.8 percent on year in July, cost 48.5 percent more, another reflection of lofty prices.

"The market sentiment is not whether crude will one day reach $70, the question is when," said Victor Shum, energy analyst at Texas-based consultants Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "We are now heading into the fourth quarter, a seasonally higher demand period."

Market focus is now shifting to heating oil and natural gas as demand for these products usually peaks in the winter.

On Wednesday, the US energy department said domestic inventories of gasoline fell by 3.2 million barrels last week to 194.9 million barrels, or 7 percent below year-ago levels.

US supplies of crude oil grew by 1.8 million barrels to 322.9 million barrels, or 13 percent above year-ago levels, the agency said. The supply of distillate fuel, which includes heating oil and diesel, increased by 1.4 million barrels to 132.5 million barrels, or 4 percent above last year's level.

Markets were shaken recently by production outages in Ecuador and Iraq, where insurgents shut down most of the country's electricity grid on Monday. Production in both countries has since stabilized. *AP*

# Impeachment battle shifts to psywar

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being turned off by the opposition's tactic of "insulting" those who had not signed the complaint.

"The way they have chosen to reach their objective is less than civil. It is turning off a lot of our colleagues in the House," he said.

Nograles said he would identify the seven lawmakers "at the proper time."

Also yesterday, Sen. Manuel Villar said his wife was thinking of signing the impeachment complaint. Rep. Cynthia Villar of Las Piñas is one of 20 Nacionalista Party representatives.

"Of course if she signs there will be many members who will sign ... We're not a big party but we're close and whatever they decide, the party will be behind them," Villar said.

Nograles said the withdrawal from the impeachment complaint of Rep. Eulogio "Amang" Magsaysay on Wednesday was the "first of a series." The nephew of the late President Ramon Magsaysay and grandson of the late Senate President Eulogio Rodriguez represents the Association of Volunteer Educators.

"This is turning out to be what we have long expected. At the end of the day, it will be a numbers game," Nograles said. He said he was confident that the minority, "with all its braggadocio," would not get the required votes.

### 'Glorified' signatories

The impeachment complaint accuses Ms Arroyo of culpable violation of the Constitution, bribery, graft and corruption, and betrayal of the public trust in connection with allegations she rigged last year's election and her family received payoffs from illegal gambling. Ms Arroyo has denied the charges.

Nograles said many lawmakers had complained about the "personal insults" being hurled by the opposition, "who have glorified" those who signed the complaint as "heroes."

"This sense of self-righteousness is turning off our colleagues. It is becoming offensive," Nograles said.

He said this "sense of heroism" was "overblown," adding that every House member had gone over the impeachment complaint and "used the lamp of conscience to decide whether to sign or not."

### Sowing intrigue

Quezon Rep. Lorenzo "Erin" Tañada III and Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla accused administration lawmakers of sowing intrigue to divide the opposition.

"It's all psychological warfare," Remulla said of the reports that more lawmakers were going to follow Magsaysay's turnabout. Magsaysay was one of the first to expose an alleged administration initiative to bribe House members to back out of the impeachment complaint.

One of those reportedly considering backing out of the complaint was Liberal Party Rep. Reynaldo Uy of Western Samar, who is on an official trip to the United States.

But Tañada, Uy's party mate, said that the nine LP members who had signed the complaint remained steadfast. He added that two to three more LP members were expected to add their signatures next week.

### 'Magsaysay is our guy'

House Speaker Jose de Venecia on Wednesday said that four other lawmakers were withdrawing their support for the President's impeachment, noting that they would "cancel out" the five new signatories in the complaint on Tuesday.

"We have already lined up those who have made a change of heart. I can't tell you their names but at the moment, let's put it this way, they're now all saying 'Magsaysay is our guy'," said Rep. Ma. Amelita Villarosa of Occidental Mindoro.

Neri Colmenares, a member of the impeachment legal team and spokesperson of the Council for the Defense of Liberty, said Magsaysay's claim that he lacked "personal knowledge" of the President's alleged crimes was "a weak attempt to justify such a shamefaced reversal of position."

"Magsaysay has personal knowledge of the act of bribing him to ensure that he will not sign the impeachment complaint against President Arroyo. This in itself constitutes an impeachable offense," Colmenares said.

Colmenares noted that Magsaysay had revealed on July 22 that two congressmen had offered him P5.5 million in cash and projects if he did not sign the impeachment complaint.

### Cousin disappointed

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. expressed disappointment over the withdrawal of his cousin from the impeachment complaint. "It is to the higher interest of majority of Filipinos that the impeachment process go forward," the senator said.

# Christie's offers to sell Imelda's gems

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in a vault at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Also to be auctioned off along with the Marcos jewelry is a collection of pieces confiscated from Greek national Demetriou Roumeliotes, supposedly a close friend of Imelda Marcos.

Roumeliotes tried to smuggle about 60 pieces of jewelry out of the country on March 9, 1986, 12 days after the fall of the dictatorship.

At that time, Roumeliotes denied that the pieces of jewelry were owned by Imelda Marcos, and claimed that they were made of paste.

PCGG officials had previously said the jewelry collections included a 30.76-carat diamond-studded bracelet with a central marquise-cut diamond crafted by Bulgari, a diamond and emerald choker set in platinum, a bracelet of rubies surrounded by smaller rubies and diamonds set in yellow gold, and a pair of diamond-and-emerald droplet earrings from Van Cleef & Arpels.

Van den Oever presented Christie's offer yesterday morning to PCGG Commissioners Rick Abcede and Nick Conti, Finance Undersecretaries Noel Bonoan and Gabriel Singson Jr., and Customs Commissioner Alexander Arevalo at the Department of Finance building on Roxas Boulevard.

He was accompanied by lawyer Felicia Rabago, representative of Christie's in the Philippines.

### For BOC revenue target

"We would like to stress that [the Roumeliotes collection] is not Marcos jewelry," Customs Commissioner Arevalo told reporters yesterday.

"We will use the proceeds from the auction to help meet our revenue target," he said.

Arevalo said the worth of the Roumeloites collection was estimated at between P500 million and P1.5 billion.

He said that since the jewelry comprised property seized by the Bureau of Customs, the proceeds from the planned auction should be credited to the agency's revenue collection and should not form part of the funds for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

Under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, proceeds from the sale of the sequestered Marcos wealth should benefit Filipino farmers.

Arevalo said the BOC was looking for ways to compensate for the P6.67-billion shortfall in its collection in the first seven months of the year.

He said it was hoping that the Roumeliotes jewelry would be auctioned off before the end of the year to help the BOC catch up on its revenue collection target.

The BOC is tasked to collect P151 billion this year to help the national government reduce its budget deficit. But in the January-June period, the agency's collection stood at only P79.11 billion.

### 1 of 3

Christie's is one of three auction houses being considered by the Philippine government to auction off the Marcos jewelry and the Roumeloites collection.

Officials of the other two auction houses, Sotheby's and Bonhams, are also set to meet with government officials to present their respective offers.

PCGG spokesperson Nicanor Suarez Jr. said a committee composed of Abcede, Singson, Arevalo and Bonoan had been formed to determine which of the houses would conduct the auction.

The Amsterdam-based Van den Oever said Christie's was banking on its experience in the auction of jewelry collections.

It boasts a long history dating back to 1784 and a wide range of contacts and buyers. It claims to have the biggest share (65 percent) of the market.

"We have a strong market. We have lots of people with better experience, and we are confident enough that we would be working hand in hand with the government to make this auction possible," Van den Oever said.

### Impossible task

By the PCGG's own admission, it would not be able to prevent Imelda Marcos from reacquiring the sequestered jewelry if she decides to do so.

In an Aug. 17 memorandum signed by Suarez in behalf of PCGG Chair Camilo Sabio, the commission said: "Considering that winning bidders can always resell the acquired jewelry to the Marcoses and/or their associates, any effort to prevent the jewelry from returning to these parties becomes therefore difficult, if not impossible outright."

The memorandum was issued in response to queries from Malacañang as to how the PCGG would prevent Marcos dummies from joining the bidding for the jewelry, which could lead to the collection eventually falling into Marcos' hands.

Now in her early 70s, the flamboyant ex-first lady whose shopping sprees are legend is still facing a number of graft cases before local courts.

The cases are linked to her stint as housing minister and governor of Metro Manila during her husband's dictatorship.

### Free-for-all bidding

The PCGG memorandum also stated that the bidding for the jewelry would be held outside the country by an international auction house to allow the Philippine government to obtain the highest bids.

Because the auction would be held overseas, the PCGG said, it recognized that it had neither legal basis nor authority "to bar specific persons from participating in the auction without thereby possibly violating local laws against discrimination."

"Probably also, the auctioneers themselves will frown upon any attempt to diminish the number of bidders, as such move could ultimately result in bids that could be lower than what could be generated in a free-for-all, no-holds-barred bidding," the PCGG said. *With an AP report*

**ON THE AUCTION BLOCK:** The jewels of Imelda Marcos are now kept in suitcases inside the vault of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, among them a 30.7-carat diamond-studded bracelet by Bulgari. PDI PHOTO

# Gov't to feed 7.5M pupils with 'NutriVEN'

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the national government submitted to the appropriations committee on Wednesday.

Malacañang, however, wants another P200 million to set up what it calls "salad gardens" in public schools, and P100 million more to feed 65,000 children (3 to 5 years old) from impoverished families.

### 'Billions served'

"The total tab is P1.8 billion, making the government probably the biggest food caterer next year," Andaya said, adding:

"Our schools will essentially become one big food chain. In the future, the Department of Education can boast: 'Billions served'."

He said that while the school-based feeding program would be handled by the DepEd, all "community nutrition improvement activities" would be run by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Andaya defended the planned program, saying: "Malnutrition stalks our schools and stunts learning."

He said three of every 10 children under 5 years of age were underweight.

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# For the fun and funds of it

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Bayani Fernando's playing playmate to a Viva Hotbabe.

Photos printed on the front pages of some newspapers on Thursday showed Fernando kissing Anna Leah Javier on her nose, cheeks and other parts of her body.

"It was done in public and it was not malicious. It's different from a situation which you can call compromising," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye during a briefing at the Palace.

## Indignation

"I saw that (Fernando's pictures with the starlet) but I believe that it was done in the spirit of fun and I don't think there was any malice to that. It was all in the spirit of fun and in the spirit of fund-raising," Bunye said.

That may be so but Fernando's performance unleashed strong indignation from some sectors who felt his behavior was highly improper for a public official who was once touted as senatorial and even vice presidential material.

A source sympathetic to Fernando noted that the pictures told only half the story. It was Javier who invited Fernando to join her on stage during a song number, the source told the INQUIRER.

## Point-and-kiss

Javier asked Fernando if he was "game" to play "point-and-kiss" during the relaunch of MMDA's public service TV program "MMDA on the Road" at Club Filipino on Monday night.

While singing the seductive song "Underneath Your Clothes," Javier asked Fernando to kiss her on different parts of her body every time she sang the song's chorus. Fernando appeared to happily oblige.

## Wife walks out?

The source also disputed a tabloid's account that Fernando's wife, Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando, walked out in the middle of her husband's kissing frenzy.

She just went to the ladies' room and promptly came back to her chair, said the INQUIRER source.

The MMDA information officer, who organized the event, said the mayor did not walk out of the program as others may have interpreted her early departure. She really had to go to another engagement and left with Las Piñas Mayor Imelda Aguilar, the source said.

## Sex and politics

If Javier's name sounds familiar, it's because she also figured early this year in a sex-and-politics controversy. She accused Zambales Rep. Antonio Diaz of sexual harassment and of failure to pay her talent fee for performing at a birthday party of Diaz's friend, Zambales Gov. Vicente Magsaysay. Diaz had vehemently denied Javier's allegations, saying he would not dare at his age to make a pass at a minor.

## Comical interludes

Fernando is known for breaking into comical interludes at times even while tackling serious matters inside the boardroom.

"The photo taken does not necessarily reflect a person's character. Being a good sport, he gamely played his part to add fun to the occasion," said MMDA Deputy Chair Cesar Lacuna in a statement, taking up the cudgels for his boss.

SONGBIRDS at a fund-raiser two years ago, MMDA Chair Bayanio Fernando and his wife Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando. PDI PHOTO

The event being a launch for a TV program, consisted of entertainment numbers. Besides Javier, MMDA's own rap group and chorale performed for the audience, which comprised representatives and officials of Metro Manila's 17 cities and municipalities, and the Executive Committee of the Metro Manila Film Festival.

The half-hour program "MMDA on the Road" will premiere at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 4 on ABC 5.

# 'Virtual' meetings ordered

By Christine O. Avendaño

INSTEAD of face-to-face meetings, President Macapagal-Arroyo wants government officials to hold "virtual" meetings to discuss energy conservation.

The President gave this reminder after Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Waldo Flores told her that he planned to hold a meeting with officials about conducting spot checks on government agencies.

Flores, who will lead the energy audit team, made his plan known after he informed the President that government agencies had yet to designate their respective energy conservation officers.

*"Ay naku, meeting na naman. Eh di sasakay pa sila ng kotse,"* (What, another meeting? That means the officials will have to ride their vehicles)," the President told Flores during a program aired on the government-run television station NBN 4.

She said that in this age of information technology virtual meetings were more efficient than face-to-face meetings.

Agreeing, Flores told Ms Arroyo that he would just send officials e-mail messages to remind agency heads about designating their energy conservation officers.

# RP worker killed . . .

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treatment, he said.

The casualties were among at least 10 Filipinos in the Lucent convoy. There were no other details on the rest of the Filipinos in the convoy.

The Philippines' charge d'affaires in Iraq, Ricardo Endaya, who is temporarily based in Jordan, has been instructed to immediately coordinate with employers of the victim and bring his remains back home, the department said.

"Endaya informed me this morning about this sad development and I have instructed him to arrange with authorities for a flight to Baghdad from Jordan to speak with the concerned officials," Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said.

## Grim reminder

"This is a grim reminder of being in Iraq at this time, where we can't guarantee the security and protection of Filipino workers," added Foreign Undersecretary Jose Brillantes.

Endaya was expected to send a full report later Thursday from Baghdad.

Authorities say hundreds of Filipinos are entering Iraq despite a deployment ban issued by President Macapagal-Arroyo last year after truck driver Angelo de la Cruz was kidnapped and threatened with beheading.

De la Cruz was later freed after Ms Arroyo agreed to pull out a token contingent serving with US-led coalition forces in Iraq. A Filipino accountant kidnapped last November was freed in July.

Romulo on Thursday renewed an appeal for all Filipinos in Iraq to return home under a voluntary repatriation service offered by the government.

Official figures show about 6,000 Filipino workers are currently based in Iraq and working mainly in military installations. They earn an average of $500 a month, significantly higher than what they can get in own country.

## Ban remains

"The temporary ban on employment to Iraq remains," Romulo said.

"And to our OFWs (overseas Filipino workers), please remain inside your camps, or better yet, avail of the government's offer for assistance to immediately come home," he said. "There is grave danger in leaving the security of your campsites. Bombings and ambushes favor no one."

Last month, the Philippines temporarily pulled out its diplomats from Iraq after a rash of kidnappings.

In April, drivers Marcelo Salazar and Rey Torres, who worked in a US camp, were killed separately. Five other Filipinos have been wounded in similar attacks this year.

The Philippines is a key Southeast Asian ally of the US-led war on terrorism and Ms Arroyo was among the first leaders to back Washington's invasion of oil-rich Iraq.

As a reward, the US government promised to employ Filipinos in military camps and as workers for contractors rebuilding the war-torn Middle Eastern country. *Reports from AFP, Reuters*

# Love means . . .

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on Diabetes Foundation Inc.

"Many of them think that showing love to their children means feeding them with too much food and making them fat—that's wrong," she told reporters in a forum on a new study of cholesterol at the New World Hotel in Makati yesterday.

In the last five years, Panelo said local doctors had encountered children as young as 8 years old getting sick with Type 2 diabetes. She said the disease was also seen in a number of teenagers.

There are 3.36 million Filipinos suffering from diabetes, a major risk factor in strokes and heart attacks, according to the Philippine Diabetes Association. The number is expected to balloon to 8.4 million in 20 years.

Panelo said less than five percent or around 400,000 of the diabetics by that time would be children.

## 'Nintendozation'

She partly blamed this on what she described as the "nintendozation" of the youth, referring to the addiction to the popular Nintendo game.

"Children nowadays just sit for hours in front of the computer with only their fingers moving," she said. "That's bad because they have no significant physical activity which is important to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases."

Then there's the problem of fat-laden diets.

Panelo lamented that many children today have fallen victim to Western commercials that bombard them with a diet of burgers, fries, soft drinks and other unhealthy food.

## French fries

She said there was even the common misconception that French fries, being potatoes, was good for the health because of its carbohydrate content. In fact, she said, it's full of harmful fat because of the huge volume of oil used to cook it.

"There's really a problem with diet and lifestyle," she said. "Before, for example, Physical Education classes were more frequent. Now, I think it's just once a week."

With diabetes now threatening the children, Dr. James Wee of the Pfizer pharmaceutical company said Lipitor, the drug used to lower cholesterol in adults, was now being administered to children as young as 10. Dosages can be given of between 10 and 20 mg provided that the medication is under the supervision of a qualified physician.

## Higher doses

Higher doses of atorvastatin, the main ingredient of Lipitor, reduced cardiovascular attacks by 25 percent, according to the five-year study "Treating New Targets." In the study, an 80-mg dose was administered compared to the common 10 mg.

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# Garbage crisis looms in 3 cities, 1 town

By DJ Yap and Jocelyn R. Uy

THREE cities and a town in Metro Manila were faced with a minor crisis yesterday when their garbage collectors went on strike because of a union problem.

Garbage collectors were nowhere in sight in San Juan, and the cities of Muntinlupa, Malabon and Caloocan, after workers of Ren Transport, a waste transport company, staged a work stoppage, in a standoff with management that began before dawn.

Workers of the Samahan ng mga Manggagawa sa REN Transport-Association of Democratic Labor Organizations said they had successfully paralyzed trash collection in the three cities and one municipality being serviced by the company.

Citing unfair labor practices of management, unionists barricaded the company's garages in Tandang Sora, Quezon City, Montalban, Rizal and Muntinlupa, beginning at 2:30 a.m. yesterday, blocking other workers from driving the garbage trucks and collecting trash.

Nestor Fulminar, Smart-ADLO president, accused the management of forming a company union called Ren Transport Employees Association (RTEA), and refusing to recognize Smart, which he claimed was the "legitimate union" during their collective bargaining agreement last week. RTEA was also allegedly favored by the company in work assignments, he said. They also cited other issues like the illegal dismissal of union officers and members, discrimination, and non-remittance of Social Security System contributions.

But Doods Gerodias of ADLO-Kilusang Mayo Uno expressed hope that negotiations would not take too long, noting that previous strikes in 1999 and 2003 lasted for only 13 and 18 hours, respectively. Last year, the strike lasted 10 days.

The INQUIRER repeatedly tried to reach Ren Transport officers for comment, but no one answered the calls. San Juan officials, however, are not worried—yet. Councilor Totoy Bernardo said they would ask another hauler, Greenline Company, which collects garbage in six barangays, to take over areas serviced by Ren Transport for the meantime. *With Edson Tandoc Jr.*

PDI FILE PHOTO/JOAN BONDOC

**THESE dump trucks did not make the regular rounds in San Juan, Muntinlupa, Malabon, and Caloocan yesterday.**

## METROBRIEFS

### Hard-working grandma

SHE WAS peddling drugs to feed her grandchildren. This was what Edita Villan, 60, told police when she was arrested the other night at her residence in 362 Pildera 2, Road 4, Pasay City. Villan was caught with 50 pieces of sachet of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu at 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, said PO2 Jay Martinez of the Drug Enforcement Unit yesterday. "We received numerous calls since last year about Villan's activities," Martinez said. The suspect admitted to police that she had been peddling drugs for five years now. Meanwhile, five suspects were arrested in Parañaque City on Wednesday afternoon after police conducted an anti-narcotics operation in Barangay San Dionisio, Insp. Dominador Bartolazo said in a report. Arrested were Demetrio Cangas, 42, Rodrigo Claudio, 36, Jojit Villanueva, 28, Florencio Magbutay, 30 and Rolando Rodriguez. Twelve sealed sachets believed to contain shabu were recovered from the suspects. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

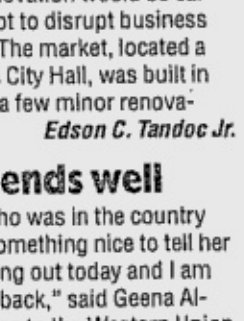
### Not so fast

STALL owners are looking forward to staying at a more spacious, better ventilated and cleaner Mutya Ng Pasig Public Market. But some of them are asking the Pasig City government to start the renovation of the biggest public market in the metropolis next year. "We are asking our officials to start the renovation in January," Kapatiran Vendors president Teresita Vidal, 47, told the INQUIRER. Information reaching her group of about 200 members said the planned major makeover of the public market, home to more than 3,000 stall owners, would begin in October. But health and sanitation council committee chair Bobby Eusebio, son of mayor Vicente Eusebio, said the designs of the proposed market had not been completed yet. "If the designs would be completed in two months, we might be able to start the renovation by the end of the year. If not, we will definitely start the project early next year," the younger Eusebio said. He said the renovation would be carried out in phases so as not to disrupt business operations in the market. The market, located a few meters away from the City Hall, was built in 1974 and had undergone a few minor renovations in the past. *Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

### All's well that ends well

A MAURITIUS national who was in the country for a two week visit has something nice to tell her folks back home. "I'm flying out today and I am glad that I got my money back," said Geena Alfonso. The tourist had gone to the Western Union branch on Rizal Avenue, Caloocan City on Wednesday to change $775 to pesos. Instead of receiving the correct amount, an unidentified employee gave her only P1,400. Alfonso said she was not aware of the mistake until she showed the receipt to her host. Returning to Western Union the following day, Alfonso found the money intact and got an apology from the management. "They told me that there had been some confusion since there were other clients at that time, and they had given me the money meant for another customer. Realizing their mistake, Western Union tried to look for her, but she was gone. "We had to go to the police because we thought we could not recover the money. But I was wrong because the amount was there all along, and they looked like they were relieved to see me," Alfonso said. *Nancy C. Carvajal.*

### Costly escort service




FOR PEDDLING girls in cyberspace, an Internet escort service provider was recently arrested by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation inside his Quezon City home. Charged with violating the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 was suspect Benjamin Quinto, of Block 26, Lot 5, J.P. Rizal St., Capitol Estates, Batasan Hills, Quezon City. According to an investigation conducted by the Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division (AFCCD) headed by lawyer Elfren Meneses Jr., informants had tipped the bureau about the suspect's websites, with pictures of Filipino models who rendered sexual services for fees ranging from P3,000 to P50,000. Armed with a search warrant, AFCCD agents raided Quinto's residence last July 20. They seized a digital camera, cell phones and documents showing the existence of the escort service. *Margaux C. Ortiz*

## Elevators cause early morning scare

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

FIVE people had a hair-raising elevator ride early yesterday morning at the One San Miguel Avenue Building in Pasig City.

The scary ride started at 6:30 a.m. with the sound of metal creaking, making the five passengers—four women and a man—believe that things were falling on the iron roof.

Seconds later, the elevator slid down several floors.

The passengers managed to get out of the elevator unharmed.

The five then transferred to a nearby elevator, but again heard the sound of metal creaking after the doors closed.

The elevator seeming to descend fast, not stopping on any floor.

When it finally stopped, the doors remained closed, trapping the passengers for almost 15 minutes, PO3 Rogelio Baltazar said.

The passengers only managed to get out after security officials forced open the doors, Baltazar added.

"The elevator did not crash," a security official told the INQUIRER. "The descent, bypassing several floors, was an automatic safety feature of the elevator."

A repair team was unable to determine what had caused the problem yesterday afternoon.

Baltazar said the five trapped passengers worked in an office on the 47th floor of the building. One San Miguel has more than 50 floors—49 stories above ground and seven basement floors, security guards said.

## Museum proposed for Arroceros

By Tina G. Santos

ARCHAEOLOGISTS urged city and school officials of Manila to include a museum in the proposed two-story teachers' building in the controversial Arroceros Forest Park.

The museum will hold artifacts collected in the area by members of the Katipunan ng Arkeologists ng Pilipinas Inc. (KAPI).

The group of professional archaeologists was asked by the National Museum to dig for artifacts in the area in view of the city's plan for the building in the 2.1-hectare property.

Joy Belmonte, KAPI vice president, said that by having a museum, "...the public will become aware of the archaeological and historical significance of the park."

KAPI found hundreds of items from the late 16th and early 17th century to the early 20th century while digging in the park.

The group also unearthed masonry structures typical of construction techniques for industrial architecture in 19th century Manila.

KAPI says the architectural pieces should be integrated into the development plan and "preserved by all means."

"We recommend that an architect with strong heritage conservation leanings be consulted," Belmonte said.

## Pasay police arrest suspected abortionist

By Jocelyn R. Uy

MARGIE Catipon, 26, wanted to earn enough money so she could go home to Mindanao. Performing abortions seemed to be the only way to reach her goal.

On Wednesday afternoon, Catipon's "business" came to an end when she was arrested at her home at 124 Cuneta Ave., Pasay City in an entrapment operation of the Southern Police District (SPD). Also arrested were Marnela Ramilo, 32; Lanie Santos, 34; and Maricar Villanueva, 28.

The entrapment operation followed an investigation by the district's Intelligence and Investigation Division under Supt. Jose Gentiles, and Women and Children's Desk, SPD Director Wilfredo Garcia said.

The district received several complaints from concerned citizens against Catipon, Garcia said. A police "asset" (informant) had posed as a patient who wanted an abortion. When Villanueva brought the "asset" to Catipon's house, district intelligence/counter intelligence operatives, led by Chief Inspector Adolfo Samala, Insp. Ernesto Eco Jr. and Senior Insp. Virgilio Batalla, arrested the women.

REM ZAMORA

**POLICE found tools of the trade in the house of a suspected abortionist on Wednesday.**

"I was just trying to earn a living so I could go back to my home in Mindanao together with my family and relatives," a tearful Catipon told the INQUIRER yesterday. She said she also needed money to pay the rent. A mother of three, she said she learned how to perform abortion from her godmother by just watching her do it for about two months.

Catipon began the illegal practice in May this year, charging P1,000 per patient. Vendors of bottled herbs in Quiapo would often refer their customers to her, she said. "I performed abortions on those who were rejected by hospitals or had taken medical products to terminate their pregnancies, " Catipon said, adding that the process took only 15 minutes.

Ramilo and Santos, on the other hand, said they just washed clothes and cooked for the suspect. Villanueva, however, said she had brought in "patients" for Catipon.

# Oil firm pays P5.4M for gas leak damage

By DJ Yap

PILIPINAS Shell Petroleum Corporation yesterday reimbursed 121 families for damages caused by an explosion and a fire from a leaking gasoline tanker in Don Antonio Heights Subdivision, Quezon City on Aug. 21.

The multinational company handed out checks amounting to P5.4 million to affected residents, said Barangay Holy Spirit chair Felicito Valmocina.

A check for P1.244 million went to a a resident whose Mitsubishi Adventure was damaged, said Valmocina. Another resident who lost some light bulbs got P995, the barangay official said.

Valmocina said Shell executives, including spokesperson Bobby Kanapi, handed out the Bank of the Philippine Islands checks at the barangay hall.

In determining compensation, Shell officials simply relied on the victims' damage claims, the barangay chair said.

He added that the complaint against the driver of the leaking gasoline tanker would be withdrawn, after the three complainants and Shell reached a settlement.

The driver, Darnel Imbo, 32, was charged with reckless imprudence resulting in multiple damage to property and multiple slight physical injuries the other day.

The Shell tanker leak released thousands of liters of gasoline into a canal leading to a creek.

The fuel later caused an explosion in a slum area, resulting in injuries to several people.

## Help your church, Miaa chief tells employees

By Nikko Dizon

SEEKING to balance tough management and "social responsibility", airport chief Alfonso Cusi yesterday said he would urge airport employees to financially support the parish church of th. Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia), now that it may have to pay for its monthly electric bills.

"Miaa (Manila International Airport Authority) is a public institution and there are rules that have to be followed but we're also not forgetting our social responsibility," Cusi told the INQUIRER in a phone interview, adding that the religious services offered by the church "strengthens the moral fiber of the airport employees".

Parish priest, Msgr. Modesto Teston, had expressed concern on how and where the parish church would find the means to pay its electricity bills after Cusi directed earlier this week that its "tolerated" connection to the airport's power supply would be stopped as the government searches for ways to save on energy in light of the oil crisis.

Teston said most of its religious services are offered for free and it gets meager contributions from its parishioners.

Cusi said he was planning to meet the airport employees soon and present them his proposal to support the church through their own means.

In the first place, it was through the airport employees' initiative that the OLAP was built in the late 1970s, Cusi said.

*"Ilagay muna natin sa tama ang mali* (Let's right a wrong) because there are subject to abuses," he added, referring to the permission given by past Miaa administrations to provide the electricity needs of the church.

The house of Miaa assistant general manager Elpidio Mendoza was also among the more than 20 households in a Pasay City barangay adjacent to the airport that the Miaa said had illegal connections to Naia's power supply.

Mendoza had denied this, saying he also got permission from past administrations for the service, just like the church.

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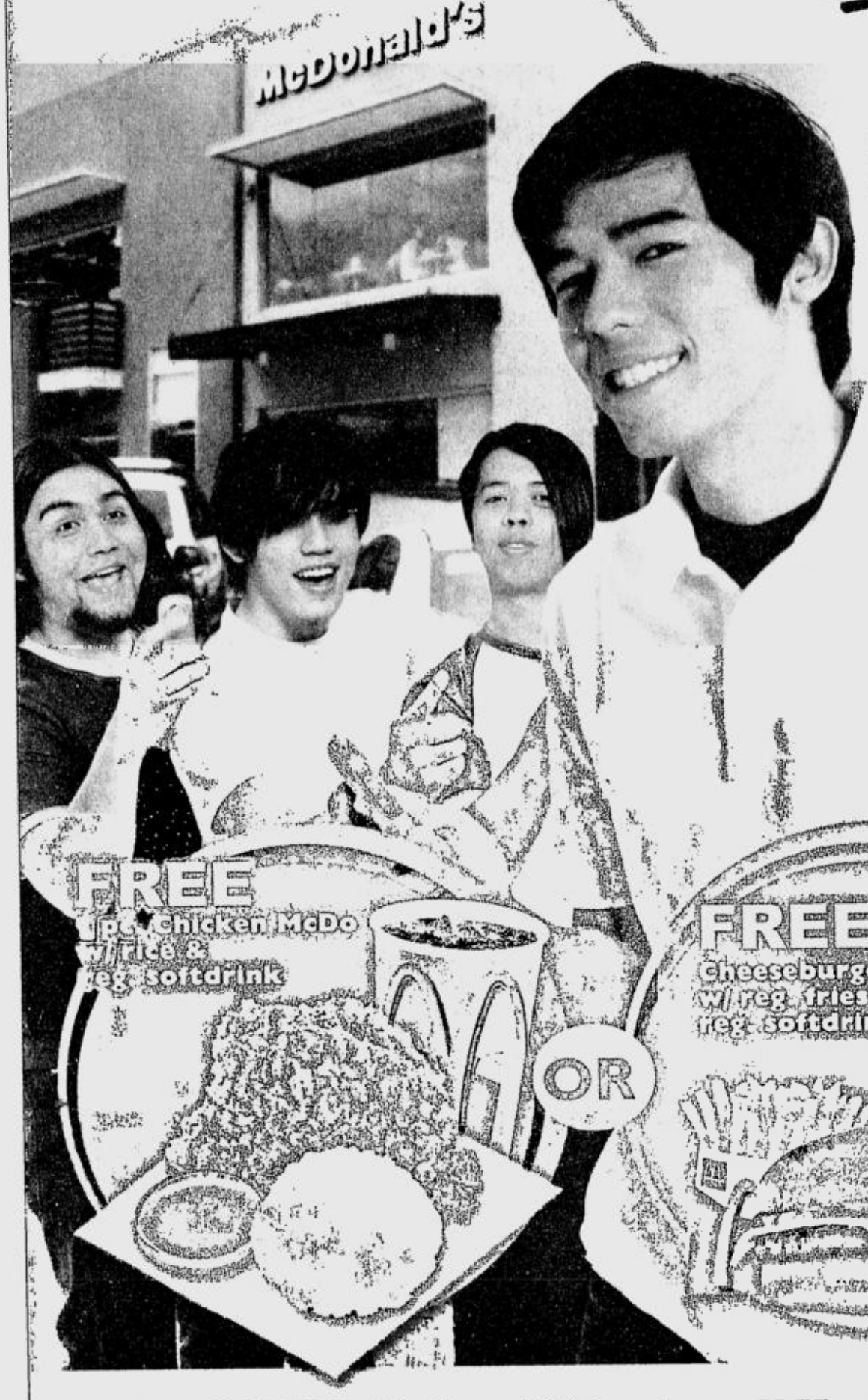


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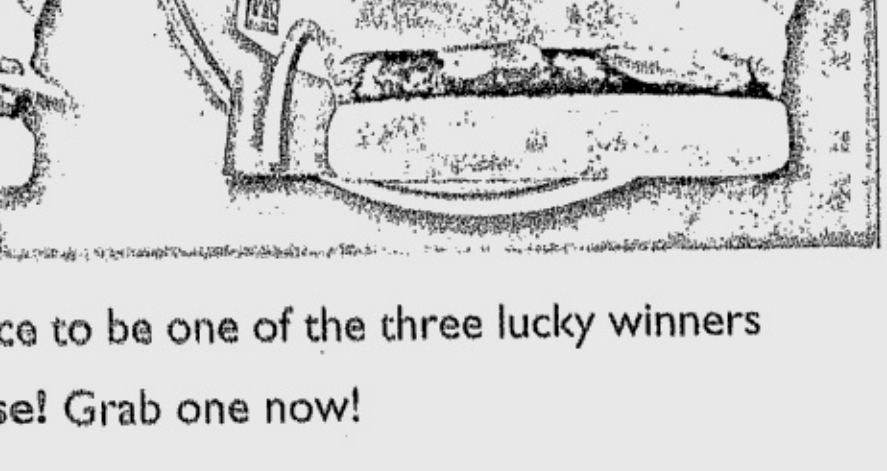

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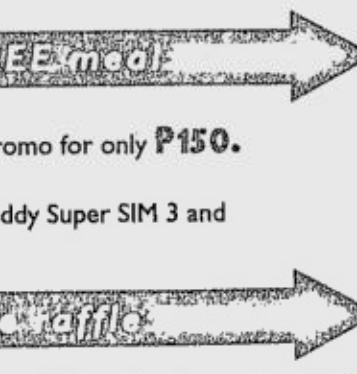

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# RP-SMB cagers buck fiery Korean sniping

**BRUNEI—The RP-San Miguel Beer team followed its game plan to perfection in hacking out a dramatic 97-95 come-from-behind win over South Korea's SK Knights Wednesday night in the 5th Shell Rimula Cup at the National Indoor Stadium here.**

The Nationals weathered a barrage of three-pointers from the erstwhile unbeaten Koreans and sent SK Knights import Wesley Wilson to the showers on five fouls to notch their third straight win and tie their victims at second spot with identical 3-1 cards.

Jayjay Helterbrand finally broke out of a slump to lead the San Miguel Corp.-backed squad to the delight of the predominantly Filipino crowd here.

The Barangay Ginebra spitfire finished with 15 points and eight assists while Tony dela Cruz, who was celebrating his 27th birthday, also contributed 15 markers.

The RP-SMB squad goes up against the Alaska Aces Thursday night to end its elimination round campaign in the four-nation, six-team cagefest.

"I thought we were lucky because Wesley Wilson fouled out, although that was really our game plan," said RP team mentor Chot Reyes. "We really wanted to attack him and force him into foul trouble."

"It's so hard for us to stop a team like Korea where everybody can shoot a three-pointer."

The 6-10 Wilson, who suited up for the Shell Turbo Chargers in the last PBA Fiesta Conference, fouled out at the 7:45 mark in the third period for pushing Dondon Hontiveros in a rebound play.

He still finished with 23 points, all in the first half, where the Koreans built a commanding 50-34 lead with the help of seven triples, five of which came from Cho Sang Hyun.

With Wilson gone, the Nationals, who dropped their first game to the Toshiba Brave Thunders of Japan, 80-89, attacked the lane at every possession, finally wresting the upper hand, 68-67, on Jimmy Alapag's three-pointer.

Cho beat the third quarter buzzer with another triple for 70-68 and the Knights still held an 86-82 lead with just 4:30 left.

Asi Taulava, who finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds, then completed a three-point play off a Hwang Jin Won foul, Ren Ren Ritualo drilled in a three-pointer, Alapag followed it up with his own three-point play and Dela Cruz split his charities to give the Nationals a 92-86 lead.

Cho, who led the SK Knights with 34 points highlighted by a scorching 64 percent (9-of-14) shooting from behind the arc, hoisted another trey to keep the South Koreans in the game, 89-92, 1:36 left.

The Filipinos quickly doused cold water on SK's rally, though. Helterbrand scored on a jumper and Dela Cruz had another split from the 15-foot line for a 95-89 lead. Cho fired one more triple in the next possession but Alapag sealed the win with two free throws to make it 97-92 with 11.9 ticks left.

"Congratulations to the boys for a well-deserved win," PBA commissioner Noli Eala told the team through a text message to league operations chief

RP-SMB/ A27

## *Filipino athletes to live in hotels, too*

By Musong R. Castillo

TRIATHLON has used up the P1 million it got from "godfather" Diner's Club at the end of July and will be funding its remaining training programs with the help of the Philippine Sports Commission and the private sector. The four members of the RP team will train for a month in Gold Coast, Australia, and will vie in at least three races with world-class fields. Their parents and friends will be initially paying for their plane fare and accommodation expenses.

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THE 900 or so athletes that will make up the Philippine delegation in the Games will be billeted in comfortable hotels and inns for the duration of the Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 meet. Funding for this will be shouldered by the Philippine Sports Commission. "It would be a shameful sight to see that while our opponents would be staying in hotels, our athletes would be making their way to their homes after each game," PSC chair William "Butch" Ramirez said.

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THE PHILIPPINE Sports Commission has a total of 40 liaison officers looking after the progress of all the athletes that will wear the national tri-colors in the 11-nation SEAG. PSC commissioner Richie Garcia, national training director Michael Keon and former Asian sprint queen Lydia de Vega-Mercado are among the big names carrying out this function for the government sports agency. The PSC is simply trying to make sure that funds coming from the government sports agency is being spent well.

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AFTER getting an initial pledge of P20 million from 16 congressmen recently, Rep. Renato Unico of Camarines Norte wants to have the next pledging session at the Department of Budget and Management. In doing so, a lawmaker who wishes to make a pledge will immediately know if he or she still has available funds from his Country-wide Development Fund, or pork barrel.

# Eagles slip past Maroons; Falcons trounce Bulldogs

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE ATENEO Eagles were at their frenetic best yesterday, outclassing the University of the Philippines Maroons, 67-57, in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Blue Eagle Gym.

Macky Escalona, proving to be a worthy backup for ace point guard LA Tenorio, pumped in a career-high 19 points to lead the Eagles to their sixth straight win in a third-running 7-2 record.

The Eagles also leaned on the solid play of their second unit led by sophomore center Japeth Aguilar, who collected 11 points, six rebounds and four blocks.

"Our second team stepped up, they did a much better job in the second half," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "Our defense improved, our offense flowed a lot better and we ran a lot better."

Earlier, the Adamson Falcons snapped out of a six-game losing spell by drubbing the National University Bulldogs, 93-67.

Hefty center Jojo Hate delivered a double-double with 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Falcons, who improved to 3-7.

"We just want to regain our confidence with this win," said Falcons coach Mel Alas. "Whatever happens, our goal is just to win at least half of our remaining games."

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| La Salle | 5 | 4 |
| UP | 5 | 5 |
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4 p.m.—Ateneo vs UE

The fifth-running Maroons dropped to 5-5, while a win remained elusive for the Bulldogs in nine games.

Tenorio, who finished with 11 points, buried a triple that triggered an Eagles' run for a 42-36 lead.

As the Maroons lost their offensive rhythm in the third quarter—shooting only one field goal in the last five minutes—the Eagles remained on top with an 11-point edge, 51-40.

The Maroons regained their bearings in the fourth period with Abby Santos powering them within five points, 58-53.

But Escalona responded with back-to-back baskets and an Aguilar jam gave the Eagles a 64-53 cushion, with 2:08 left.

In junior play, Santos Marfori shot 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Junior Maroons past the league-leading Eaglets, 58-53, for a 7-3 record. The Eaglets fell into a tie with the Far Eastern Baby Tamaraws for first place at 7-2.

The Baby Falcons evened at 5-5 after clobbering the Bullpups, 75-43.

**The varsity scores:**

**First Game (Srs)**

**ADAMSON 93**—Hate 19, Bono 15, Tiongco 14, Canuday 13, Tajonera 9, Capati 6, Hugnatan 4, Cabahug 4, Pacheco 3, Yong 2, Poloyapoy 2, Gonzalgo 2.

**NU 67**—Fernande 18, D. Catamora 11, Jahnke 9, Malcontento 8, Flor 5, Asoro 5, Sanchez 4, Salvado 3, Lingao-Lingao 2, Estolano 2, Tungcul 0.

**Quarters:** 16-19, 36-30, 66-53, 93-67

**Second Game (Srs)**

**ATENEO 67**—Escalona 19, Aguilar 11, Tenorio 11, Reyes 6, Intal 6, Quimson 4, Laterrre 4, Barracoso 4, Membrere 2, Kramer 0, Del Rosario 0, Al-Hussaini 0.

**UP 57**—Cruz 12, David 11, Santos 9, Vainio 8, Ferrer 4, Epres 4, Doruelo 3, Sorongon 2, Padolina 2, Gavino 2, Buyco 0.

**Quarters:** 12-13, 27-28, 51-42, 67-57

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# Cabagnot misses SLR's scrimmages

By June Navarro

ALEX Cabagnot has been missing Sta. Lucia Realty's practice sessions lately, triggering speculations that this year's second overall rookie choice had already left the country apparently after contract negotiations with the Realtors bogged down.

Even his manager, Charlie Dy, doesn't know where to find the 6-foot-1 playmaker who was offered a three-year deal by the Realtors.

"I've been calling him up since Tuesday but he never returned my calls," said Dy. "I have not heard anything from Alex after Monday."

Cabagnot's scholarship grant from the University of Hawaii-Hilo apparently put the negotiations in jeopardy, an INQUIRER source said.

With still three subjects left to complete his physical education degree at UH, the 24-year-old Cabagnot was allowed to finish the entire curriculum until December for free.

Team officials gave Cabagnot until today to show up and seal the deal with the Realtors before taking the matter to the PBA board of governors for possible sanctions.

"He (Cabagnot) should have told us before the draft (of his school requirement)," said a Sta. Lucia official who requested anonymity. "We could have taken somebody else and none of these would happen."

It was said that Cabagnot had asked the team for a reprieve to allow him to finish his degree before suiting up for the Realtors in January next year.

Should Sta. Lucia Realty and the camp of Cabagnot fail to come to terms, Cabagnot will have to sit it out for a year before he becomes a restricted free agent the following season.

"He's probably taking his time thinking if he would sign the contract or finish his studies," the source said.

Cabagnot could receive a maximum salary of P8.5 million in three years depending on his performance. Landing in the top 2 of the statistical race will give Cabagnot a 50-percent increase from his P150,000 monthly take the following year.

If he fails to barge into the top 10, Cabagnot stands to get an increase of 20 percent on his previous monthly salary.

Born in Quezon City but raised in Los Angeles, Cabagnot started in 23 out of 25 games for the UH-Hilo Vulcans and compiled 116 assists and 48 steals. Cabagnot normed 9.6 points per game in the 2003-2004 US NCAA Division 2 season. He was a two-time Most Valuable Player at Eagle Rock High School, the alma mater of Barangay Ginebra's Mark Caguioa.

ARTEMIO Murakami has his eyes on the Japan Tour. PDI PHOTO

# Murakami could be out of RP team

ARTEMIO Murakami, the country's No. 2 amateur golfer, could miss the national team that will seek the gold medal in the coming 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

Ranked second behind ace Juvic Pagunsan, the 21-year-old Murakami will fly to Fokuoka, Japan, on Sunday to take part in the first stage of qualifying for the lucrative Japanese PGA Tour.

The winner of the RP Amateurs at age 15 in 1999, Murakami has entered into the qualifying tournament as an amateur, but could miss the RP Team altogether if he makes it all the way to the fourth stage.

Four stages are scheduled in the qualifying, with the 54-hole first to be held on Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 at the Mission Valley course in Fokuoka where only the top 20 out of a 140-player field will make the cut for the second stage.

Filipino pro Jherome Delariarte, a member of the RP squad that finished third in the World Amateurs held at the Southwoods in 2001, has been seeded to the second round. *Musong R. Castillo*

# NBC selection faces HK five

HAT TAI CITY, Thailand—The NBC-Nature's Spring selection faces Hong Kong national team tomorrow (Saturday) as it opens its campaign in the 9th Crown Prince Cup Invitational basketball championship at the Jirinakorn indoor gym here.

"Our chances look good," said coaches Al Solis of Tribu Sugbu and Jun Noel (Mantawi) after their second practice here yesterday. "We expect the Koreans to provide us the toughest opposition."

Making up the squad are Lowell Briones, Rex Mangubat and Doroteo Almacin, Mantawi's Ardy Larong, Danny Capobres, Marvin Tundag, Dennis Daa, Marlon Kalaw, Dondon Villamin, Mel Latoreno and Val Domingo.

# *LA directs, makes shots for Eagles*

By Jasmine W. Payo

HE'S ARGUABLY the league's best point guard.

LA Tenorio, the Ateneo Eagles' hotshot leader, usually has no trouble getting the shots he wanted.

But the 21-year-old Tenorio continues to impress this season with his all-around performance in the UAAP basketball tournament.

Clearly, Tenorio doesn't want to disappoint now that he's carrying the Eagles on his back. But all the expectations worry him sometimes.

"There's a bigger pressure on me now," said Tenorio. " It's just me and Magnum (Membrere) from the 2002 championship. But I can't avoid it, I really have to face the pressure. I know I have to work harder."

With his boundless energy on court, Tenorio ranked second overall in statistics next to 2004 Most Valuable Player Arwind Santos.

The agile playmaker averaged a fifth-best 14 points and 6.3 rebounds at the end of the first round. And just like last season, he led in assists at 6.6 apg and finished fifth in steals at 1.7 spg.

He also delivered one of the finest performances this season, posting a rare triple-double—15 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists—in the Eagles' 79-72 triumph over the University of the Santo Tomas Tigers.

"That's LA for you," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "It's his energy that will fuel this team."

But Tenorio stressed that he sees a much harder competition this year.

"I want to bring my team to the finals, but compared to last year, it is more difficult for us now," said Tenorio, who's hoping to lead the Eagles to their seventh straight Final Four appearance.

"Of course, it's really up to us if we want to win the championship. That's why we're working extra hard during practice."

Tenorio already went through an early test last year. When team leader Larry Fonacier suffered a season-ending ACL injury in the Eagles' fourth game, everybody turned to Tenorio for leadership and inspiration.

"Last year, there was so much pressure," he said. "I took the challenge to become the leader of the team. But this year, I also need everyone's cooperation so that it would be easier for me. I can't do it on my own. I need the help of my teammates."

Yet Black has all the confidence on Tenorio, often maximizing his time on the floor.

"When you have somebody as talented as LA, you always want him on court. So playing him for 29 to 32 minutes will be just about right."

LA TENORIO shines even in the PBL. RAFFY LERMA

# Dolphins, Stags tangle for vital victories today

THE PHILIPPINE Christian U Dolphins and the San Sebastian Stags gun for crucial wins in their 2 p.m. tussle in the NCAA basketball tournament today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

**GAMES TODAY**
*(Cuneta Astrodome)*
11:30 a.m.—SSC vs PCU (Jrs)
2 p.m.—SSC vs PCU (Srs)
4 p.m.—St. Benilde vs San Beda (Srs)
6 p.m.—St. Benilde vs San Beda (Jrs)

Although assured of a semifinal stint, the second-running and defending champion Dolphins (9-2) are hoping to pull away from the Mapua Cardinals (8-4) in their race for the No. 2 spot.

PCU and Mapua are shooting for the remaining twice-to-beat advantage, the bonus awarded to the two best record-holders at the end of the elimination round.

The league-leading Letran Knights (11-1) have already claimed the first semifinal incentive.

The Stags, meanwhile, need to win at least one of their last three games to seal their entry in the Final Four.

Otherwise, the University of Perpetual Help Altas and the St. Benilde Blazers could still forge a playoff for the fourth spot.

But the Blazers must also sweep their final two matches, including the 4 p.m. duel against the San Beda Lions today, to keep their semifinal chances alive.

With the critical games ahead, coach Junel Baculi hopes to push the Dolphins' performance to a higher gear.

"I'm not contented because this is the homestretch of the eliminations," said Baculi. "We showed complacency so we have to work again."

The Dolphins have been rallying successfully behind Gabby Espinas, Jason Castro and Robert Sanz. Beau Belga, Joel Solis and Lisztian Amparado have also been delivering. *Jasmine W. Payo*

# Coseteng completes another NTCC sweep

DEFENDING champion Jody Coseteng of San Miguel Beer scored another sweep in the 2005 Petron National Touring Car Championship at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas, over the weekend.

Coseteng showed superb driving skills as he turned back Philip Alvendia of A3 Motorsports-Malayan Automaster National Touring Team in the morning and afternoon races.

Dominic Bon was third in both races of the event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines and sponsored by Petron Ultron, Kilton Motors, Denso, MOF Company and Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.

Coseteng wrapped up the 12-lap morning race in 29 minutes 25.147 seconds or 0.403 seconds ahead of Alvendia.

The afternoon race turned out more exciting as Alvendia challenged Coseteng throughout and even came within two cars behind the reigning champ.

But his effort fell short as Coseteng, who now holds 107 points, stepped on the gas in the final lap and checked in at 23:35.069 or 0.516 seconds ahead.

Renan Morales likewise proved he's the top of his class following another sweep in the Petron Junior Touring Car Championship over Izmael Icasas and Bingo Valero.

Sharing the limelight were Nico Montinola, Jan de la Merced and Jason Ang who topped their respective divisions in the Run-What-You-Brung race.

# No quarrel, clarifies POC chair

HE SAYS he bats for unity, and the sports leader, sounding both hurt and puzzled, wants everything clear.

"Let's help each other instead of plant the seeds of animosity," says Robert Aventajado.

Aventajado, Philippine Olympic Committee chair, explains he has nothing personal against Mike Keon, who had warned that the Philippines could be losing its homecourt edge in the run-up to the Southeast Asian Games.

Aventajado next refuted Keon's warning, an issue that was widely reported in the papers.

"It's a pity," he says, "that my reply was given a nasty twist by another reporter."

Aventajado swears there's nothing personal in the issue.

No clash of personalities, no controversy whatsoever.

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**"In fact, I was one of those who had batted for Michael to be taken in as national training director," Aventajado explains.**

**So far, nothing has been heard from Keon since he issued the timely call for those mainly behind the Games preparations to nurture the hometown edge.**

**There has been an air of urgency, therefore, with rigid developments being reported in the media almost daily.**

**A great part of the national preparations for the SEA Games, set to fire off at the Luneta on Nov. 27, centered on the sending of Filipino athletes abroad, mainly to China, to hone their skills.**

**Keon was, however, quick to point out that rival countries, mainly Vietnam, have themselves been availing of these foreign stints for their competitors.**

**Keon had been particularly alarmed about the unavailability of several venues for our players to work and gain familiarity in, well ahead before visiting athletes could start coming over.**

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Aventajado says all problems are being attended to.

He stresses there's no brewing quarrel among those charged to keep the Philippine delegation on target for the overall championship.

Hopefully, there'll be no last-minute leadership shake-up, like the one that clipped the powers of the head of the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc).

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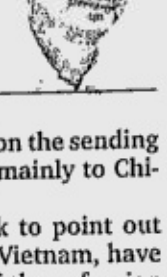
*Recah Trinidad*



Anyway, Aventajado has been bothered after we plucked a sensitive chord, which made him suspect I had an axe to grind against him.

"*Me atraso ba ako sa iyo* (Have I done something wrong to you)?" he asked this reporter.

None whatsoever, I replied.

I told him I commented on Keon's stand and the subsequent statements based on what's been reported on the issue.

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**Obviously, Aventajado does not want to be suspected of using sports as a personal vehicle.**

**"I've been in sports a long, long time before this," Aventajado would state.**

**Aventajado, who also heads the Philippine Taekwondo Association that's expected to land its share of the gold medals in this year's SEA Games, vowed to send a letter to clear up everything.**

**However, it was not yet available at presstime.**

**We promise to print it if his side had not been aptly presented in this column.**

**Now, will RP make a successful hosting of the Games or bag the overall championship?**

**Or can the country, sharply divided as it is by a tainted leadership, score a big win in both endeavors?**

**Maybe only Michael Keon knows the answer.**

# Mendoza shocks Jao

ROSARIO, BATANGAS—Benjo Mendoza of Speedeffex finally showed his worth as a serious title threat with an upset sweep over defending champion Jolet Jao of Shell Advance-Kawasaki yesterday in the fourth leg of the 2005 Shell Advance Superbikes Series at the Batangas Racing Circuit here.

Jao admitted he used the wrong tires in the first race where Mendoza pulled away in the second lap to win in 18 minutes, 52.933 seconds.

But Mendoza proved his win was no fluke as he outsteadied Jao in the second race of the series sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa).

Mendoza grabbed the lead on the third lap, before Jao rallied to regain the upperhand on the seventh.

But Mendoza pounced on a miscalculation by Jao to grab the lead at the backstretch en route to the win.

Wacky del Rosario finished third in both races while Roderick Chua and Randy Ortiz wound up fourth and fifth, respectively.

Equally exciting was the 23-man kickoff of the Road Racing Championship where Renan Morales and Jay Cortez shared honors in the Superbikes category.

Morales clocked 19:48.065 to claim the morning race over Cortez and Hubert Soriano. Cortez returned to win the afternoon race.

Delbert Canlobo and Nelo Galo also split the two races in the Sub-400 cc division.

# Tañamor leads RP challenge

LIGHT flyweight Harry Tañamor banners a strong Philippine team seeing action in the Senior Asian Boxing Championships slated Aug. 28-Sept. 5 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Also competing in the week-long slugfest featuring the best boxers from Asia, are flyweight Warlito Parreñas, bantam Joan Tipon, feather Joegin Ladon, lightweight Genebert Basadre, light-welter Mark Jason Melligen and middleweight Maximo Tabangcora.

The Philippine team will leave on Sunday.

"The Asian Championships is part of our buildup for the Southeast Asian Games here," said Manny T. Lopez, president of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines and head of delegation.

Patricio Gaspi leads the coaching staff. The trip is sponsored by the First Gentleman Foundation, Philippine Sports Commission, Ginebra San Miguel and Pacific Heights. Accel is official outfitter.

# Gonzales zeroes in on GM title

INTERNATIONAL Master Jayson Gonzales inched closer to a Grandmaster title with a victory over a local master in the ninth round of the Dato Arthur Tan 2nd Malaysian Open Wednesday at the 5th Floor of Midvalley Citytel Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Gonzales, who earned his second GM norm by beating FIDE Master Lim Yee Weng of Malaysia, increased his total to 6.5 points and shoved him into a tie for second with compatriots GMs Eugene Torre and Joey Antonio and GMs Utut Adianto of Indonesia and Ian Rogers of Australia.

Gonzales had already faced four GMs, winning once, drawing twice and losing once.

He won over Indian GM Abhijit Kunte (2561), drew with Vietnamese Super GM Dao Thien Hai (2601) and GM Nguyen Ann Dung (2555), and lost to solo leader GM Wang Hao of China (2588).

With 8.5 points, Wang needs only a draw in the last two rounds to clinch the title.

But Gonzales couldn't care less.

"Mission accomplished *na ako* in this tournament," said Gonzales, the country's top scorer in last year's Chess Olympiad in Mallorca, Spain, adding he felt he could complete his GM requirements before the year ends.

Gonzales earned his first GM norm in the Calvia Open in Spain last year after missing it by a half-point in the Chess Olympiad.

He also missed a GM norm by 0.5 point in Hastings and in Edward Lasker Memorial in the United States.

In other ninth round actions, Torre and Antonio halved the point with Dao and Nguyen, respectively, while GM Nelson Mariano II drew with Kunte. After consecutive losses, Mariano scored 1.5 points in the next two rounds to climb into a share of 12th spot with 5.5 points.

# *Jess Garcia still lives the song of Pinoy cyclist*

**By Lito Cinco**

WHO will ever forget the singing cyclist whose famous ditty "Buhay Siklista" virtually became the national anthem of the boys of summer on two wheels?

The sensational, outspoken former king of local bikathon is back, although you can say that, in his heart, he has never left the land of his birth.

The juices of cycling will never dry up in Jesus Garcia's veins.

More than 30 years after becoming Tour of Luzon champion, Garcia is still actively involved in the sport that has brought him national adulation.

An Amerasian—actually his father was a Mexican-American who was with Douglas MacArthur when the general landed in Lingayen in 1944—Garcia became king of the road in 1973 at age 27.

The vaunted spearhead of the mighty Pangasinan squad led his provincemates to six team titles in the old Tour.

But Garcia briefly relocated to Guam, where he won the national cycling championship in 1985, a feat his son Jazy would later duplicate.

In fact, Jazy went on to represent Guam in two Olympic Games—Barcelona and Sydney—in the road race event. Another son, Fil-Am, also carried Guam's colors in the Olympiad as a sprinter.

They are part of a big brood of 18 Garcia children, 11 girls and 7 boys, from several women.

Now 59, and back in his roots in Pangasinan, Garcia still delves into biking—recreational, that is—and into table tennis and basketball to keep the muscles taut. His main preoccupation, though, is organizing cycling events.

Garcia organized the first Tour of the Hundred Islands last April. Before that, he also organized the Tour of Pangasinan and the Tour of Ilocandia.

"I'm a sports addict since childhood," said Garcia in Filipino. "All of us idolized Rufino Gabot then because he was the first Pangasinense to win the Tour in 1957. We're used to poverty, so biking was a natural thing for us to do."

After him came, among others, the 1981 and 1982 Tour champion Jacinto Sicam, the brothers Romeo and Modesto Bonzo, 1984 champion Ruben Cariño, Pepito Calip and Arnel Quirimit.

"My passion for sports keeps me healthy, I never get sick," said Garcia.

Garcia also helps out in other events like the recent Milo Little Olympics, which was held in the province recently.

He would love to see cycling included in the event's competition roster, but as Milo Sports executive PatGoc-Ong explained, their program concentrates on school-based sports.

A man of diverse talents, Garcia also dabbles into sportswriting, composing articles for the Guam Tribune in the late '80s.

Locally, he started writing a sports column titled Jessport for the Sun-Star newspaper in 1998. When it folded up this year, Garcia shifted to the weekly Examiner, writing a column, Sports Piece.

For Garcia, sports, especially cycling, is life. He'll pursue it as long as his legs hold.

*(Lito Cinco writes a sports column in Bandera, a sister-publication of the INQUIRER.)*

**CYCLING still flows in Jesus Garcia's veins (above) 32 years after his victory ride in the Tour of Luzon bikathon (right).**

LUZVIMIN GOLF

# Southwoods seizes lead from Cebu

**CEBU—Manila Southwoods put things back to order by wresting an eight-point lead over host Cebu Country Club after the rain-drenched penultimate round yesterday of the 2005 WGAP Luzvimin Golf Invitational tournament here.**

Carmelette Villaroman scored 50 points to spearhead the assault in the Diamond division by Southwoods, which posted a 177 for the day and a 36-hole aggregate of 360 counting the 45 of Lora Roberto, the 43 of Beachie Abiera and the 39 of Claire Ong.

Cebu, which emerged the surprise leader before the round, drew 48 points from jungolfer Kathleen Uy but could only post 166 for the day and slid to second spot at 352 going into today's final round.

Lovelyn Guioguio again took the day's scoring honors and kept Del Monte in the thick of the fight in the tourney supported by the Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Airlines, the official carrier.

Guioguio added 52 points to her earlier output of 53 to keep the lead in the individual derby by five points over teammate Eva Miñoza (49-100) and by six over the 16-year-old Uy.

Guioguio and Miñoza powered Del Monte to a 177 aggregate for the day and 350 overall with Christine Leonen and Marian Woo contributing 38 points each.

Camp Aguinaldo was in fourth place at 324, Sta. Elena was fifth at 301, Mactan Coral sixth at 279 and Baguio seventh at 258.

Negros also seized the upperhand in the Ruby division a day after Lorna Tabuena sparked Alabang to the top spot.

Gaby Monfort, Maite Lustre, Joan Rojas and Baby Ascalon combined for 145-287, inching ahead of Alabang which had 138-283. Tabuena and Gina Tuason led scoring for Alabang with their 40s.

Villamor was third at 282, Riviera at 273, Bacolod and Forest Hills 262, Iloilo 250 and Pamplona 133.

# RP-SMB cagers . . .

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Rickie Santos after the game.

The Brave Thunders of Japan toppled Shangdong Lions of China, 83-71, in the second game of the day to remain unbeaten in the tournament after four games.

The champion of this weeklong tournament bags US$20,000 with the runner-up settling for US$10,000. The third and fourth places get US$5,000 each.

The scores:

**RP-SMB 97**—Helterbrand 15, Dela Cruz 15, Taulava 14, Adducul 13, Ritualo 12, Alapag 10, Hontiveros 6, Belasco 6, Reavis 6, Raymundo 0.

**SK KNIGHTS 95**—Cho 34, Wilson 23, Kim 16, Hwang 10, Lim J.H. 10, Kang 3, Lim H.S. 0.

**Quarters:** 19-20, 41-53, 68-70, 97-95

# Poker King Challenge 3rd leg unwraps today

ALL systems are go for the third leg of the Poker King Challenge, a series of non-wager poker tournaments held under the auspices of Pagcor, which gets under way today at the Century Resort Hotel in Balibago, Angeles City.

Poker Club of the Philippines president Ray "Butch" Gamboa said registration for the one-day competition starts at 8 a.m. Elimination games begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 noon, followed by the semifinals and finals.

At stake at the competition held in coordination with Pagcor, the country's gaming authority, are the Leg Championship trophy and the three qualifying places to the Poker King Grand Finals set at the end of the year.

Winners will also receive gift packs and certificates from the tournament's sponsors Philippine Gaming Corp., Jack Daniels, Bicycle Playing Cards/Star Paper, Hyatt Hotel and Casino, Heritage Hotel, Ralph's Wine, and MyReviewerOnline, the Internet knowledge-builder.

Poker hawks interested in joining the non-wager tournaments or in becoming members of the Poker Club of the Philippines may visit the club's website at www.PokerClubofthePhilippines.com, or call the club secretariat (c/o Cindy) at 817-9092.

**WINNERS' ROW: Explorer Motorworks' Douglas Maningding (center), winner of the Novice Best Time honors, with elder brother Uly Maningding (right) and Gerry Reyes during the awards rites for the Team Nitro 2005 Autocross recently. The 10-year-old Maningding, a fifth grader at La Salle Greenhills, also ruled the Novice Stock A, Novice Stock B, Novice RWD Modified B and Experience Clubman B RWD classes. Uly garnered Best Time of the Day honors and topped the College Autocross Racing (CAR), Open Class A, B and C, Open Unlimited and the much-coveted Team Nitro Award for Best in Drifting. Reyes dominated the Experienced class.**

# Inquirer five rips Ejap in SMC tilt

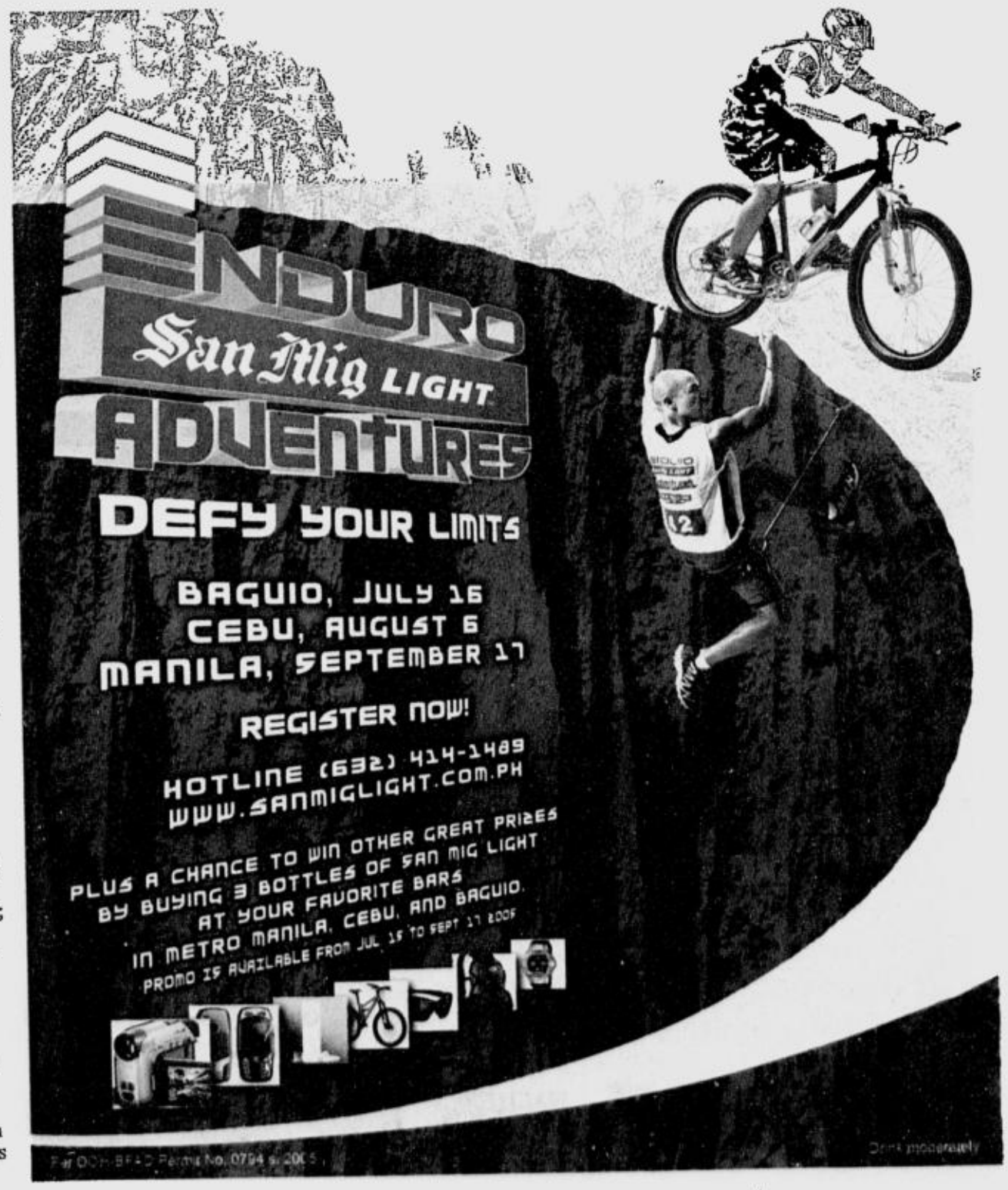
THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer basketball team blasted Ejap, 86-50, Saturday for its second victory in the 2005 SMC Media Invitational basketball tournament at the Meralco Gym.

Sonny Cruz pumped in 14 points, Genie Lagman added 12 while Jim Punzalan and Erik Arazas chipped in 11 and 10, respectively, as the INQUIRER bounced back from its defeat to tough ABS-CBN.

A victory over Manila Times in its final elimination-round game next week will push the INQUIRER into the semifinal phase.

Other games saw GMA 7 down NBN-4, 78-60; dzRH defeat Manila Times, 75-69; RMN beat Manila Standard Today, 65-60 and Manila Bulletin trounce Daily Tribune, 108-30.

Host San Miguel Corp., a team made up of former PBA players, swept the elimination round in Group I for a spotless 5-0 record.



# Darchinyan retains IBF, IBO flyweight crowns

**SYDNEY, Australia—Armenian-born Australian Vic Darchinyan retained his International Boxing Federation flyweight title with a fifth-round technical knockout Wednesday over Colombia's Jair Jimenez at the Sydney Entertainment Center.**

The 29-year-old Darchinyan, who also retained the International Boxing Organization title in the same class with the win, moved to 24-0, including 19 by knockout. Jimenez, who weighed in at 50.55 kilograms (111 pounds), dropped to 22-5-1 along with 16 knockouts.

Darchinyan, 50.8 kilograms (112 pounds), was making his second defense of the world title he won from another Colombian, Irene Pacheco, in Florida last December.

Darchinyan consistently hit Jimenez with stinging straight left punches to the head.

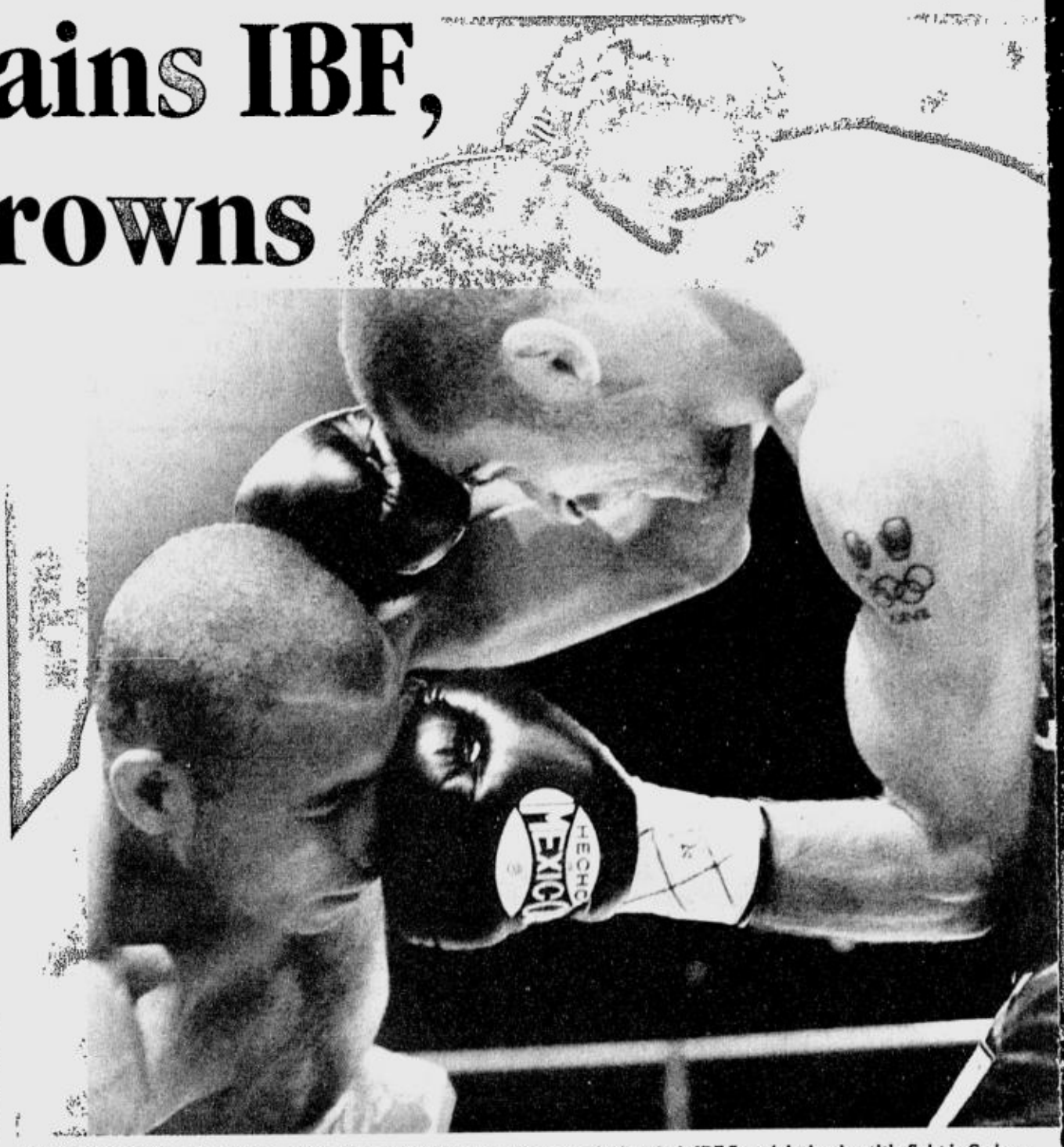
Jimenez, 26, was under constant pressure in the fourth round when Darchinyan sent the South American to the canvas in the first 20 seconds with a volley of at least five blows. Sensing an early finish, Darchinyan pummeled Jimenez for the remainder of the round.

At the time of the stoppage, Darchinyan led by five points on two of the judges' cards and six points on the other.

"He's a tough guy, he took a lot of punches," Darchinyan said.

Darchinyan restored some pride to Australian boxing with the win in the scheduled 12-rounder.

Since Darchinyan's first successful title defense against South African Mzukisi Sikali in March, Anthony Mundine, Paul Briggs, Kostya Tszyu and Tommy Browne have all lost, leaving Australians with a 2-6 record this year before Wednesday's title fight. *AP*



**DARCHINYAN** (right) delivers a left square onto the face of Jimenez during their **IBF** flyweight boxing title fight in Sydney, Australia, Wednesday. Darchinyan retained his flyweight title after Jimenez was given a technical knockout in the fifth round.

# US Open draw favors Federer, Kim Clijsters

NEW YORK—Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters were the main beneficiaries of Wednesday's draw for next week's US Open, according to US Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe.

World number one and top seed Federer begins the defense of his title against Czech Ivo Minar and his path to the semifinals looks largely trouble-free.

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Belgian fourth-seed Clijsters, who won three hard-court titles in the run-up to the US Open but who is still seeking her first Grand Slam triumph, opens against a qualifier and will be confident of breezing through her section of the draw.

Either Wimbledon champion Venus Williams or Australian Open champion Serena Williams could await her in the last eight.

"Any draw is a good draw for Federer," said McEnroe, who helped make the draw at the United Nations on Wednesday.

"But particularly here it's pretty good. I'm sure he'll be pretty happy with it.

"It's also worked out pretty well for the top two Americans, Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi. They have avoided each other and are in the other half to Federer, which is always a good thing."

Roddick plays Gilles Muller of Luxembourg in round one and could play number 13 seed Richard Gasquet of France in the last 16.

Agassi opens against Romanian Razvan Sabau, and could play second seed and French Open champion Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals, a repeat of their Montreal Masters final this month, which the Spaniard won.

"I'm sure Andre would like another crack at Nadal because I think he feels his game matches up pretty well against him," McEnroe said.

"But Tomas Berdych (whom he could face in the third round) is a very tough player. He beat Nadal in Cincinnati and he's the one player in Agassi's section who could beat him."

McEnroe said Clijsters, who has yet to win a Grand Slam title, was the player to watch in the women's event. *Reuters*

# Mauresmo enters 3rd round

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo barely broke a sweat here on Wednesday as she advanced to the third round of this $600,000-US Open tune-up.

The 26-year-old Frenchwoman ruthlessly dumped unseeded Russian Elena Likhovtseva, 6-1, 6-3, in 1 hour, 18 minutes.

"Overall, I'm very happy with the way I played tonight," Mauresmo said. "I served big and was consistent except at the end where I got maybe a little bit too eager to finish her off."

Mauresmo is now slated to meet Germanys Anna-Lena Groenefeld, a 6-3, 7-5 winner over American Meghann Shaughnessy.

Likhovtseva, a French Open semi-finalist this past June, held her own in the early proceedings but wilted under Mauresmos more consistent game.

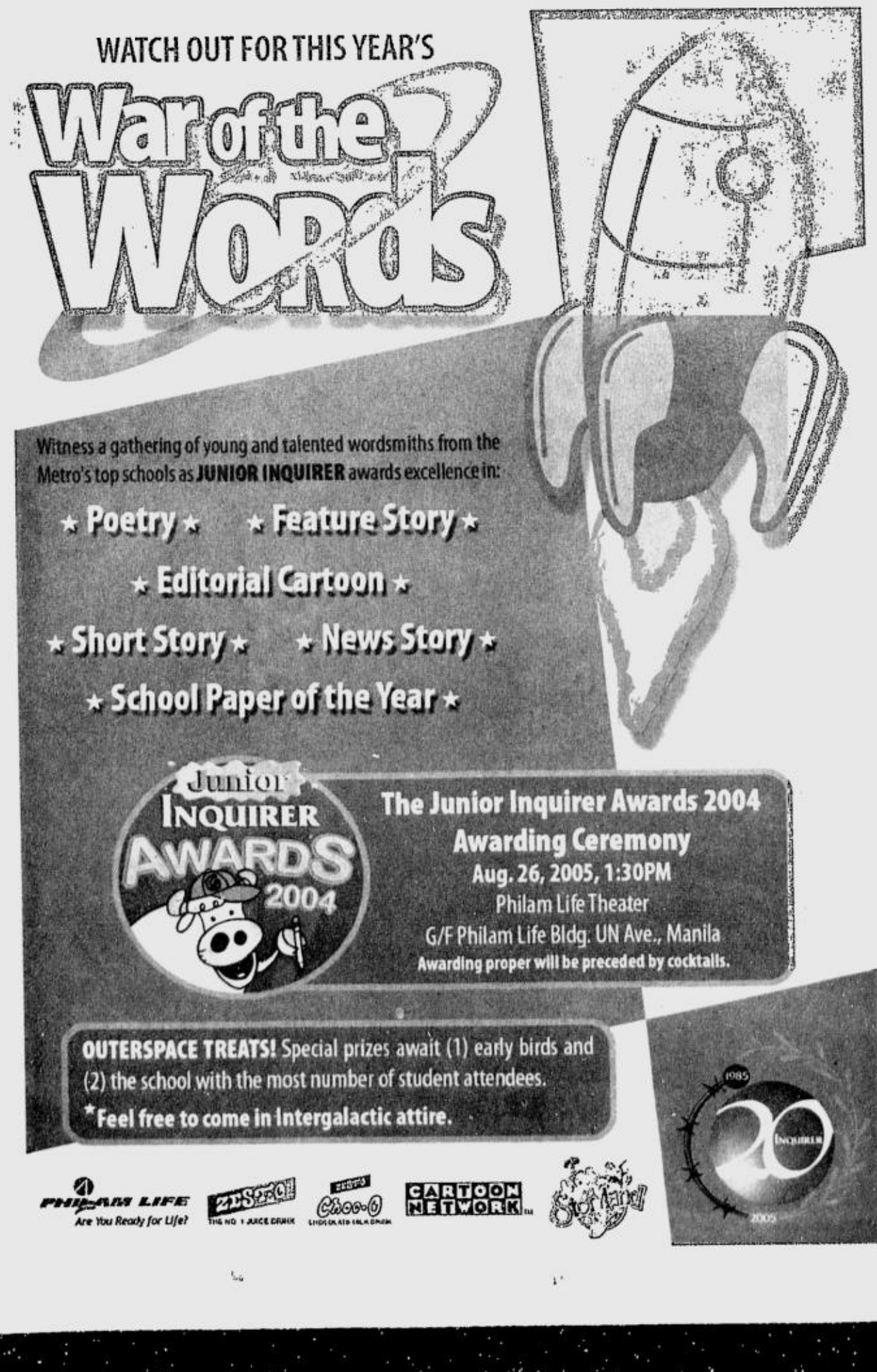
The third-ranked Frenchwoman broke her opponent a total of four times during the contest.

"She raised her game early, but I knew it was probably not going to last.

After that, I really took control of the match," said Mauresmo, who drew Italy's Roberta Vinci in the first round of the US Open when the draw was announced in New York on Wednesday.

"I didn't even know who I was facing," Mauresmo admitted. "What's important is not to focus on my opponent but on my own game."

Earlier on Wednesday, Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova upset sixth-seeded Swiss Patty Schnyder 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. *AFP*



# Sorenstam makes return at Wendy's Championship

DUBLIN, Ohio—Annika Sorenstam returns to action for the first time since the British Open, headlining a field that includes 19 of the world's top 20 players at the $1.1 million Wendy's Championship for Children.

The inaugural champion in this event in 1999, Sorenstam is playing the tournament for the first time since she finished second in 2001.

Since then, the tournament has moved from the New Albany Country Club to the Tartan Fields Golf Club, which first hosted in 2002.

**SORENSTAM**

"I'm happy to be back in Ohio," Sorenstam said. "This state has been very good to me. And my first impression is the course is a good one. You really can hit the ball well here, I think." In the four years since her last appearance in the Buckeye State, the 34-year-old Swede has captured 39 of her 62 wins, including six majors.

This season has been no different for Sorenstam, who leads the LPGA with six wins, including two majors. She struggled in her last event at the Women's British Open in late July, carding a 71 in the final round to finish tied for fifth.

Coming off her vacation, Sorenstam said she was refreshed and ready to continue her reign as the LPGA's best player.

"I set some high goals," she said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself. I expect to do well every time I come. If I didn't feel like I was ready, I wouldn't be here." Also here is teenage sensation Paula Creamer, who is second on the money list and the only other multiple winner on tour this year.

The 19-year-old Creamer, who graduated from high school in May, has seven top-10 finishes this year. In July, she won the prestigious Evian Masters, which also had a star-studded field.

Creamer, who placed 18th here as an amateur last year, is excited that Sorenstam is back in the event, feeling that the added pressure will only make herself and other golfers play better. *AFP*

## Mets belt record 13 extra base hits

PHOENIX—David Wright and Mike Jacobs both hit two homers and Jacobs and Jose Reyes each had four RBIs as New York pounded Arizona for a second straight night with an 18-4 victory on Wednesday. The Mets, who beat the Diamondbacks 14-1 on Tuesday, set season highs for hits (20) and runs in their third straight win and seventh in nine games. The Mets set a team record with 13 extra base hits. Jae Seo (6-1) held the Diamondbacks to seven hits and two runs over seven innings to win his fifth straight start. He drove in two runs. *AP*

| STANDINGS | W | L |
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| **National League** | | |
| Atlanta | 71 | 55 |
| Philadelphia | 68 | 59 |
| Florida | 66 | 59 |
| NY Mets | 65 | 60 |
| Washington | 65 | 60 |
| **Central Division** | | |
| St. Louis | 79 | 47 |
| Houston | 67 | 59 |
| Milwaukee | 62 | 64 |
| Chicago Cubs | 61 | 65 |
| Cincinnati | 58 | 67 |
| Pittsburgh | 54 | 72 |
| **NL West** | | |
| San Diego | 62 | 63 |
| Arizona | 58 | 69 |
| LA Dodgers | 57 | 68 |
| San Francisco | 55 | 70 |
| Colorado | 47 | 78 |
| Boston | 72 | 51 |
| NY Yankees | 69 | 55 |
| Toronto | 63 | 62 |
| Baltimore | 60 | 64 |
| Tampa Bay | 51 | 75 |

## Royals edge Sox

KANSAS CITY, Missouri—Chip Ambres' sacrifice fly with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the 11th inning gave Kansas City a 4-3 victory over Boston on Wednesday. David DeJesus walked with one out in the 11th and went to second on Terrence Long's third single of the game. After Bronson Arroyo (10-9) walked Mike Sweeney, Ambres lifted a fly ball to medium left. *AP*

| STANDINGS | W | L |
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| **Americal League** | | |
| **Central** | | |
| Chi White Sox | 75 | 47 |
| Cleveland | 70 | 56 |
| Minnesota | 67 | 58 |
| Detroit | 61 | 62 |
| Kansas City | 40 | 83 |
| **AL West** | | |
| LA Angels | 72 | 53 |
| Oakland | 68 | 56 |
| Texas | 58 | 66 |
| Seattle | 53 | 71 |

# Lance calls Tour exec's remarks 'preposterous'

CHICAGO—Lance Armstrong went on the offensive Wednesday, saying it was "preposterous" for the director of the Tour de France to suggest the seven-time champion "fooled" race officials and the sporting world by doping.

He also took to task the French newspaper that accused him, the laboratory that released the urine samples in question and any officials of the Tour and sports ministries involved in putting the story together.

"Where to start?" Armstrong mused during a conference call from Washington, D.C., when asked what he found most objectionable about the controversy. "This has been a long, love-hate relationship between myself and the French."

L'Equipe reported Tuesday that six urine samples Armstrong provided during his first tour win in 1999 tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO. On Wednesday, tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc sounded convinced that Armstrong had been caught.

"For the first time—and these are

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no longer rumors, or insinuations, these are proven scientific facts—someone has shown me that in 1999, Armstrong had a banned substance called EPO in his body," Leblanc told the newspaper.

"The ball is now in his court. Why, how, by whom? He owes explanations to us and to everyone who follows the Tour. Today, what L'Equipe revealed shows me that I was fooled. We were all fooled."

The Tour did not respond Wednesday to a request by The Associated Press to interview Leblanc. But Armstrong said he had talked with him by phone.

"I actually spoke to him for about 30 minutes and he didn't say any of that stuff to me personally," Armstrong said. "But to say that I've 'fooled' the fans is preposterous. I've been doing this a long time. We have not just one year of only 'B' samples; we have seven years of 'A' and 'B' samples. They've all been negative."

Armstrong questioned the validity of testing samples frozen seven years ago and how those samples were handled since. He also charged officials at the suburban Paris laboratory with violating World Anti-Doping Agency code for failing to safeguard the anonymity of any remaining 'B' samples it had.

"It doesn't surprise me at all that they have samples. Clearly they've tested all of my samples since then to the highest degree. But when I gave those samples," he said, referring to 1999, "there was not EPO in those samples. I guarantee that."

Armstrong saved his most withering criticism for L'Equipe.

"Obviously, this is great business for them. Unfortunately, I'm caught in the cross-hairs."

A moment later, he added, "I think they've been planning it for a while. I think they much would have preferred to have done this at start of the Tour, or the middle, but for some reason, it was delayed.

"At the end of day, I think that's what it's all about ... selling newspapers.

"And," he added, "it sells."

L'Equipe, linked to the Tour de France through its parent company, has often raised questions about Armstrong and doping. On Tuesday, the banner headline of its four-page report was "The Armstrong Lie."

Armstrong was in Washington for a previously scheduled meeting with sponsors. He said their support was intact and that he was considering legal action to discover who leaked the details.

"In the meantime, it would cost a million and a half dollars and a year of my life. I have a lot better things to do with the million and a half ... a lot better things I can do with my time. Ultimately, I have to ask myself that question."

Fellow cyclists came to Armstrong's defense Wednesday.

"Armstrong always told me that he never used doping products," five-time winner Eddy Merckx told Le Monde newspaper. "Choosing between a journalist and Lance's word, I trust Armstrong."

Five-time champion Miguel Indurain said he couldn't understand why scientists would use samples from the '99 Tour for their tests. *AP*

**AN AMERICAN** player swings from the basket after dunking the ball against Panama during a Fiba Americas championship match. REUTERS

# US pounds Panama in World qualifying

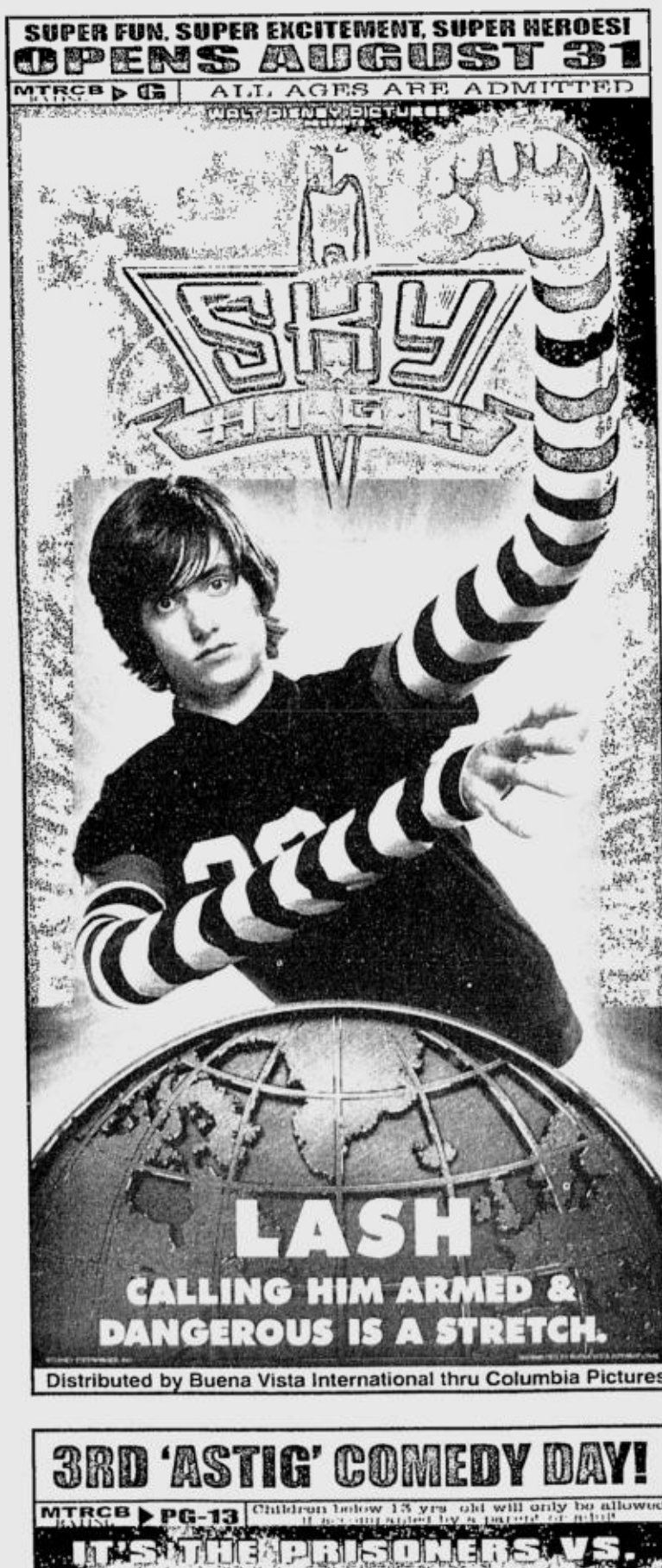
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic—Alex Scales scored 18 points and Jerome Beasley added 14 to lead the United States to a 94-72 victory over Panama Wednesday in the opening game of the Americas World Championship qualifying tournament.

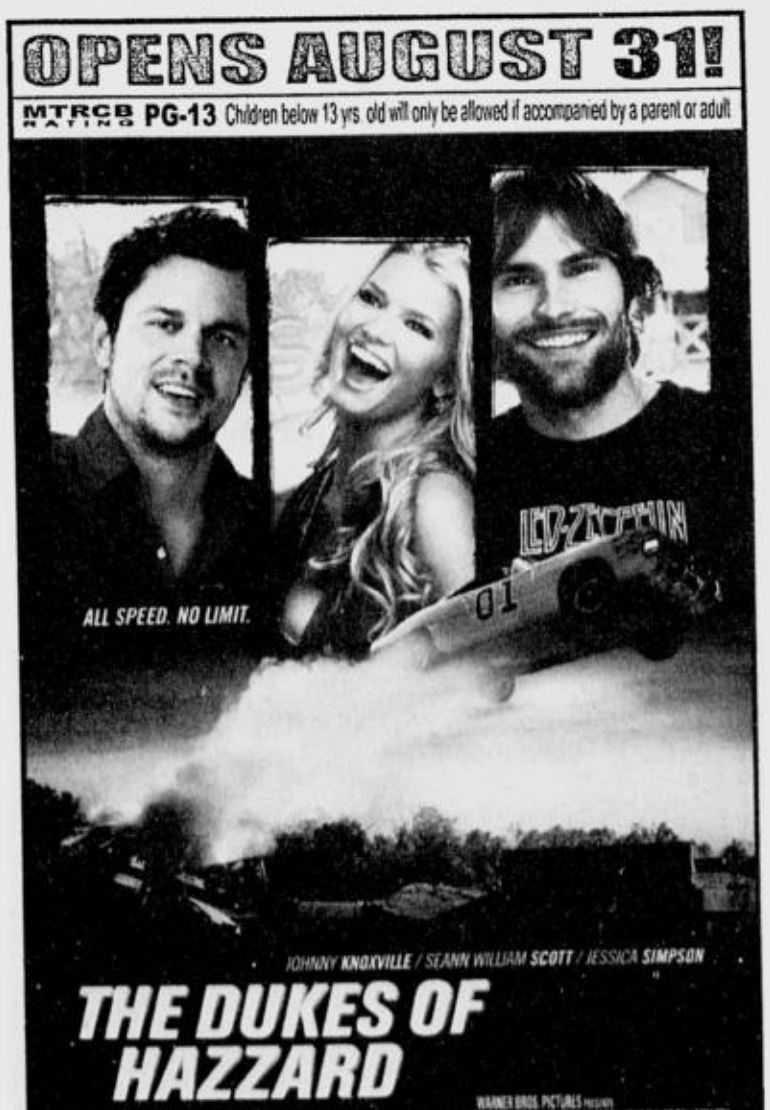
The Americans led 50-35 at halftime and controlled the boards at both ends.

The top four teams from the 10-nation event qualify for next year's Fiba World Championship in Japan. Argentina already has qualified as Olympic champion.

Panama used a variety of zone defenses to try to contain the Americans, who responded by shooting 9-for-19 from 3-point range.

Lynn Greer was 3-for-4 from beyond the arc, and guard Charlie Bell shot 3-for-8. *AP*





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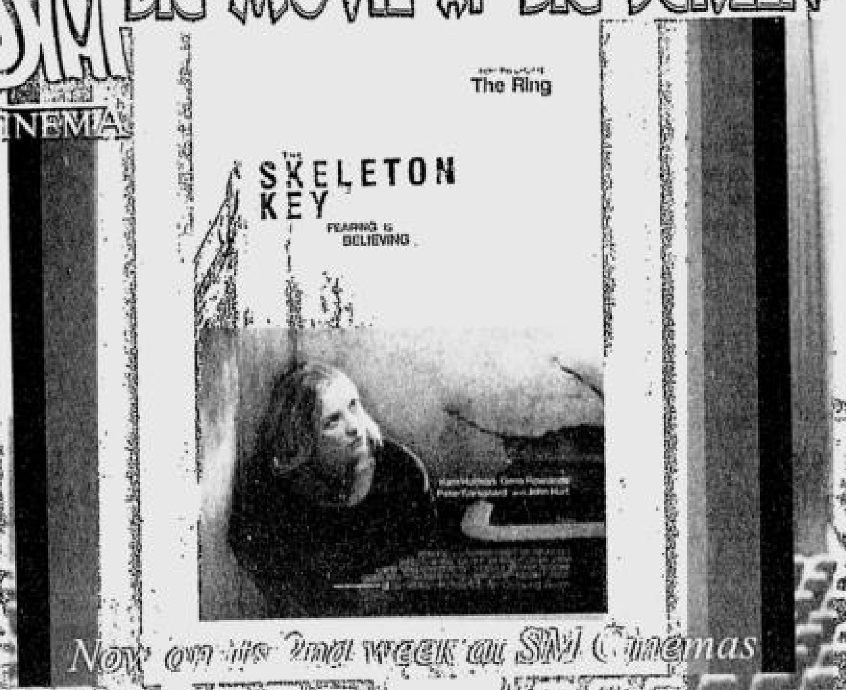


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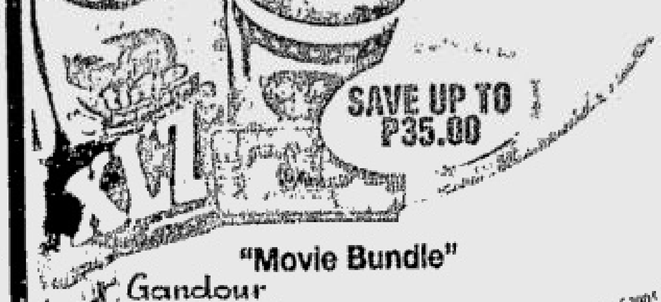

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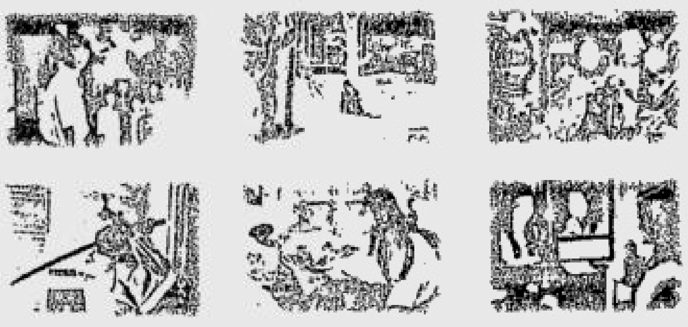

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4 THE LONGEST YARD 1:05, 3:35, 6:05 8:35, 11:00 PG-13



# AMA edges Umak; PLP stuns CEU

By Marc Anthony Reyes

AMA COMPUTER firmed up its chances for the next round even as Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasay scored an upset win in senior action of the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) basketball tournament yesterday at the UM Gym.

Dan Vergara and Edward Peñaflorida shone as AMA edged University of Makati, 65-63, to move up to third place past idle STI with a 7-6 record.

Vergara fired 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds while Peñaflorida chipped in 10 points.

The Wizards, despite the inspired performances of Jeff Tamaray and James Mangaran, slumped to 3-8.

Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasay upended Centro Escolar University, 85-74, to notch only its second win in 10 games. CEU dropped to 4-8.

It was a double for Amacu as the Baby Titans nipped the Umak Baby Wizards in overtime, 97-94.

The Baby Titans picked up their third win in nine games even as Umak fell to 3-7.

In the other junior game, UM plucked its ninth win in 10 games with a 93-66 triumph over Better Children of St. Clare Montessori Center.

The Baby Hawks handed BCSCMC its ninth loss in as many games.

**The scores:**

**Third Game (Srs)**

**AMACU 65**—Vergara 17, Peñaflorida 10, Dublin 9, Spaulding 8, Matias 8, Ramos 6, Bull 4, Suarez 2, Panahon 1, Zablan 0, Kintanar 0.

**UMAK 63**—Tamaray 14, Mangaran 13, Banguibang 8, Commerciase 6, Tapit 6, Nograda 5, Lunag 4, Barrios 4, Santos 2, Domangcas 1.

**Quarters:** 20-15, 33-33, 55-47, 65-63

**Fourth Game (Srs)**

**PLP 85**—Somera 25, Viernes 13, Navo 9, David 7, Galindez 7, Tayer 7, De la Cruz 6, Pascual 5, Biala 4, Cordero 0.

**CEU 74**—Magno 12, Cristobal 11, Gatdula 10, Lalota 9, Cordero 7, Macasaet 7, Carillo 6, Franco 5, J. Romulo 4, F. Romulo 3, Dayag 0.

**Quarters:** 15-16, 39-34, 62-50, 85-74.

## SPORTSWATCH

### Escalona, Kramer on air

MACKY Escalona and Doug Kramer of the Ateneo Blue Eagles join the blue crew of Halikinu Radio tonight on NU 107 FM. Ateneo pole-vaulter Mica Santos also joins this week's edition. Listeners can send their questions during the show by texting NU_(your question) to 2299. Halikinu Radio, hosted by sportscaster Mico Halili, airs live every Friday from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. The program is co-presented by Smart Buddy Prepaid, PLDT MyDSL and Addict Mobile Prepaid.

### Bates hackfights weigh-in

SUBMISSION of entries for the annual RL Bates 7-Stag Derby is set this Sunday at Makati Coliseum from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Action starts on Monday with the 3-stag elimination round. The 4-stag finals is slated Wednesday. Popular breeder Richard Bates is host of the two-day stagfest which offers a cash pot of at least P700,000 for an entry fee of P16,500. A total of six Bates trios will be raffled off to paying patrons during the two-day event. For inquiries, call 896-3545, 895-6475 or 895-6453. Also scheduled at the same venue is the Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) 5-Stag Derby on Sept. 5. All PCAP derbies will have at least 75 fights, said promoters Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza and William Co of Winning Time Jobo Sports and Amusement Corp.

### Pasay 4-stag derby today

MORE than 60 matches are on tap in the much-awaited 4-stag derby today at Pasay City Cockpit with Sagupaan Complexor. Topnotch cockers, including Pepito Ngo, Benjie Lim, two-time world champion William Go, Sammy Mendoza and Aba Badiola of Cainta, Lito Roque, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Lito Orillaza, William Co, Rudy Salud, Wilmer Ting, Bobbit Ples, Cito Manansala, Louie Cua, Toto Lacson, are fielding their new battlecrosses, according to pit managers and co-hosts Butchoy Olano and Roming Vergara. Up next is the Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 5-Stag Derby on Sept. 2. Meanwhile, PCC's crowd-drawing 2-cock ulutan resumes this Sunday. For inquiries, call 843-1890, 843-1746 or 816-6750.

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Race 5—1. Solomloh 2. Red Storm 3. Silent Operator 4. Simply Gold

Race 6—1. Special Edition 2. Mikaela Mia 3. Sound Value/Please Don't Stop 4. Prince Aidan/Erica's Talent 5. Inca

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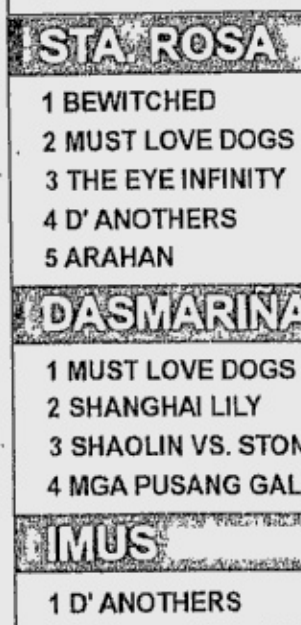

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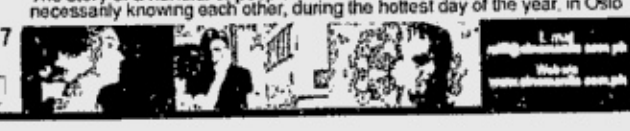

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MILO MARATHON

## Record field for Cebu 21K Sunday

DEFENDING champion Rogelio Reli guns for his fourth leg title on Sunday.

CEBU City is poised to break its own record this Sunday when more than 19,000 runners suit up for the Region VII elimination race of the 29th National Milo Marathon set to start on Osmeña Street fronting the Cebu Normal College.

Last year, the Queen City of the South set a new standard for Milo Marathon attendance when it drew 17,854 participants.

As of yesterday, local race organizers have already received 19,500 entries in the 21K qualifying run, and the 3K and 5K side events held in partnership with Bayview Park Hotel, adidas, Cebu Pacific, Smart Kid, Department of Tourism, Addict Mobile Prepaid and Powerbar.

With the record-breaking field in Cebu almost assured, Milo Sports Events executive Pat Goc-Ong's target of 110,000 runners for the 2005 season will be achieved.

After the Cebu City leg, the country's biggest and longest-running foot race will go to Butuan City, Iloilo City and Santiago City in Isabela.

The national finals will be held on Oct. 9 in Metro Manila.

Not including the Cebu City runners, 69,980 participants have joined the 29th Milo Marathon so far this year.

Defending champions Rogelio Reli and Christy Sevilleno are expected to reassert their dominance in Sunday's 21K race.

Two runners have climbed the winner's stand in Cebu City in the last five years—Reli and arch rival Bowen Montecillo. But with Montecillo taking up home in Tarlac, Reli is the prohibitive favorite to capture his fourth crown.

Montecillo, who won two titles in Cebu, dominated the Milo Marathon Region III race in Tarlac City last Sunday.

Sevilleno, on the other hand, is the hands-down pick to claim her fourth straight crown.

The other runners to watch on Sunday are former leg winner Jopel Penales, Alvin Loberanis and Tirso Pamaybay in the men's race and Leszl Gitaruelas, Merlita Arias and Sharon Vega in the distaff side.

Cebu City Mayor Tommy Osmeña has been invited to fire the starting gun and help Goc-Ong award the trophies and medals to the winners.

# Wildcats break Generals' streak

**LESTER Opalia hit 28 points as National College of Business and Arts upset defending champion Emilio Aguinaldo College, 79-74, yesterday in the fourth Universities and Colleges Athletic Association (UCAA) men's basketball tournament.**

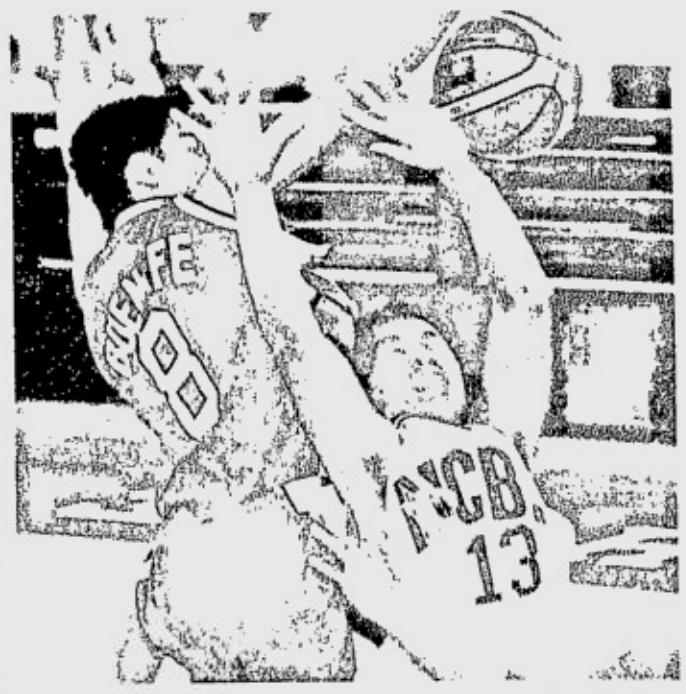
Opalia drew solid support from Eric Tingzon, skipper George dela Cruz and Richmond Sibal as the NCBA Wildcats broke the EAC Generals' 17-game winning streak at the EAC gym.

Opalia was silent for most of the final period but Tingzon, Dela Cruz and Sibal stepped up to power NCBA to its second straight triumph.

Two-time champion St. Francis of Assisi also stormed to its second straight win—a 71-65 decision over the Philippine School of Business Administration.

The Generals' loss came two days after they registered their 17th straight win with an 84-70 beating of Asian Colleges of Science and Technology in the season opener.

Dela Cruz shot 23 points, with his four charities in the last 12 seconds keeping NCBA afloat.



EMILIO Aguinaldo College's Jason Buenafe (left) foils a driving Jandie Ruales of NCBA in the game yesterday. REM ZAMORA

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"*Pinaghirapan namin ang panalo. Kailangan naming magpursige para tuluy-tuloy na ito*" (It was a hard win. We have to persevere if we want the championship)," said Dela Cruz.

The Wildcats were ahead, 56-51, when Jerson Torculas hit three charities and a triple with 7:59 left, allowing NCBA to gain a 62-51 edge.




## Don't let up now, RP dance team told

**CLEAN LIVING**
*Manolo R. Iñigo*

WITH their terpsichorean timing honed to perfection, the Philippine dancesports entries are odds-on choices to win the first two gold medals up for grabs in this year's Southeast Asian Games.

Dancesports, the opening event of the 23rd SEA Games, will be held on Nov. 27 at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City.

"I have high hopes for our dance athletes in both the Latin and Standard competitions," said the indefatigable Becky Garcia, president of the Dance Sport Council of the Philippines. "I told them they'd come too far, trained too hard and traveled too far to let up now."

Garcia also stressed that the DSCP, despite limited resources, was able to acquire the services of expensive world-class foreign coaches and licensed adjudicators to upgrade the standards of local techniques and choreography.

"Right now, we are concentrating on training the youth," said Garcia, who is assisted in this training program by the DSCP board composed of lawyer Noel Laman, chair; businessman Jun Herrera, vice president; lawyer Josefina de Vera-Saliva, secretary general; bank executive Gloria Alcala, treasurer; and directors lawyer Andresito Fornier, civic leaders Marvie Yulo, Antonio Lagdameo, Edward Hayco, Emma Nieto, Ruby Co, Chona Mercado, Nanette Mendoza, Crisaldo Rendon and Jerswin Poloyapoy.

In this year's SEA Games, the local entries to watch are multititled teenagers Reynato Rener Mercado, 16, and Judith Anne Melencio, 14, who won both the Youth A Standard and Youth A Latin gold medals in the recent midyear ranking and competitions at the PhilSports Arena.

Garcia said these youthful dance athletes, the Latin entries in particular, are the country's best bets in the Games. "Filipino dance athletes are now ranked among the best in the Asia-Pacific region. We are still a young group, yet our dance athletes are already making waves on the international scene."

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**OBET MAN CLARIFIES.** Responding to my most recent column (PDI, Aug. 22, 2005), Noly C. Balatero of the office of Roberto "Obet" Pagdanganan wrote: "I'm one of the first volunteers of the Philsoc (Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee) Secretariat being an executive assistant of Secretary Roberto M. Pagdanganan at the Philippine International Trading Corp. (PITC). In that capacity, I have acquired a thorough knowledge and involvement in all major activities of the Philsoc."

According to Balatero, Pagdanganan, then serving as tourism secretary, was appointed by President Macapagal-Arroyo on May 6, 2004, as honorary chair of the Philsoc and her official representative to oversee the Philsoc preparations for the SEAG.

On Oct. 20, 2004, the Philsoc board elected Pagdanganan chair and chief executive officer. In the same meeting, former Rep. Jose Cojuangco was elected vice chair. At that time, the Philsoc had no funds or an office of its own. It was the POC, then headed by Celso Dayrit, which was subsidizing its operations. In February 2005, the Philsoc board designated Cojuangco as chief operating officer, having assumed office as POC president by then.

With Pagdanganan at the helm, the Philsoc, supported by both private and government sponsors and volunteers, worked in earnest and, among others, organized the different working committees, raised revenues amounting to P837 million in cash and in kind—as reported by the Philsoc marketing committee on July 27, 2005, finalized the venues for 41 sports, procured the necessary equipment from both local and foreign suppliers through letters of credit amounting to P172 million, put in place an auditing system with the help of SGV to ensure transparency in Philsoc transactions and enlisted the support of the National Youth Commission to handle the volunteer requirement of the Games.

The Philsoc record over the last 10 months speaks for itself. "Out of delicadeza," Balatero said, "detractors should stop speaking out of turn and issuing statements demeaning the contribution of the volunteers and the sponsors who are all doing their share for the country. After all, Secretary Pagdanganan has always emphasized that national interest should prevail over the interest of any individual."

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# Camille's crossover

By Nini Valera

SHE SAYS ABS-CBN allowed her to star in GMA 7 soap.

ACTRESS Camille Prats, a contract artist of ABS-CBN's Star Magic, seems to have found a new family in GMA 7.

"The people there are so warm and welcoming," said Camille, referring to GMA 7, which is currently airing her soap, "Kung Mamahalin Mo Lang Ako," produced by block timer TAPE Inc.

"*Masaya, parang kapamilya, panibagong kapuso* (Happy, like a family, a new heartthrob)," was how Camille described the atmosphere during the soap's taping.

"I was uneasy at first," she told INQUIRER Entertainment during an exclusive interview last week. "I had to adjust to the staff and the crew. I was thinking of what people might say since I'm with ABS-CBN. But by lunch time, I was already joking around with them."

She said she quickly established a bond with co-stars Marian Rivera and Era Madrigal.

"We're girls, so we have plenty to talk about," Camille said. "When it comes to Oyo Boy (Sotto), it's horseplay and joking around. Same with Tito Keempee (De Leon)."

Camille said there were so many new faces in ABS-CBN, that she no longer knew everybody. "I noticed that GMA 7 has less artists. All actors want to be the best. But for me, it's difficult to compete if there's so many [people] after just one thing. I haven't been doing much in ABS-CBN so I don't know what's happening there now."

Although her contract with the Kapamilya network was yet to expire next month, the actress said she was given permission to appear in the GMA 7 show. In fact, Camille's decision to accept the soap was taken in stride by ABS-CBN executives.

Charo Santos-Concio, ABS-CBN executive vice president for entertainment, said over the weekend that they could not prevent artists from looking into other opportunities outside of the network.

Deo Endrinal, business unit manager for talk shows, variety shows and reality shows, added that Camille was always welcome to guest in any of his shows.

"I understand Camille," said Endrinal. "For a girl as talented as she is, it is very difficult to be doing nothing."

The soap was a risk on her part, Camille conceded. "But finally, I was being given a show that I wanted, so I didn't think of the risk at all. ABS-CBN hasn't given me any project since 'Home Along Da Airport,' which ended last January. Not that I'm discontented with ABS-CBN. Probably, they're focusing on other talents."

She said the biggest break her home station gave her was the movie "Princess Sarah" and the soap "Marinela." Mostly, she got support roles, she added.

In "Kung Mamahalin Mo Lang Ako," Camille takes on the mature role of a girl in search of revenge. "I'm so happy with the role," she said. "As Joy, I'm carefree and aggressive. I say what I want. I drink. I mingle with guys, and I'm very forward. I'm so happy I can do these things with the help of Direk Gina (Alajar) because in real life, I'm very reserved."

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**SLEEPLESS IN LA**
Nora Aunor makes a phone call on Tuesday morning outside the Airport Courthouse in Los Angeles, California, where her drug possession case is being heard. INQUIRER correspondent Janet R. Nepales described the singer-actress as "haggard." *Story on page A2-4.*
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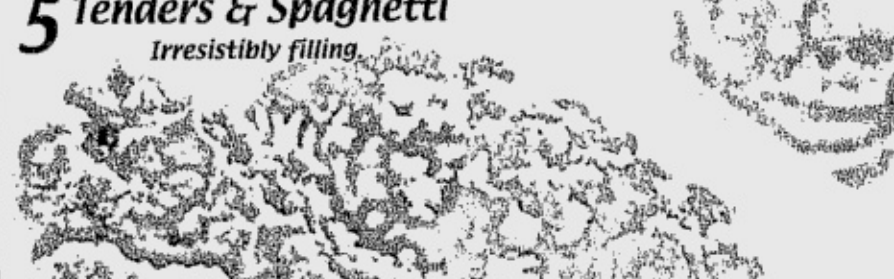
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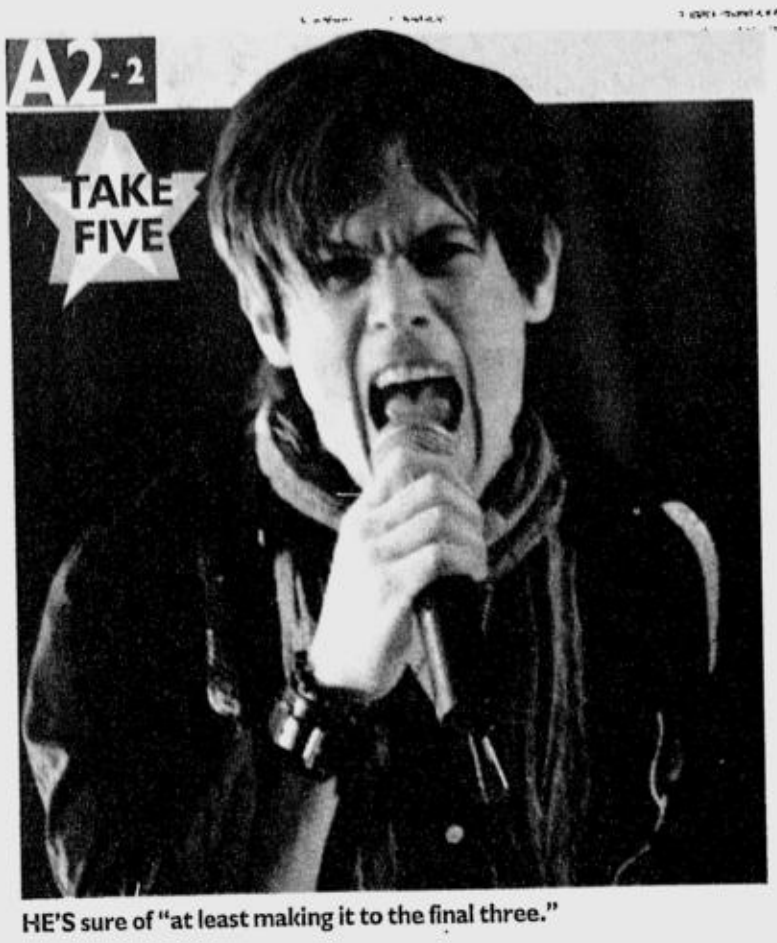

HE'S sure of "at least making it to the final three."

# 'Rock Star' MiG Ayesa: I'm very proud to be Filipino

By Fran Katigbak

PINOY-AUSSIE rocker MiG Ayesa is not just hanging in there; he's one of the strongest contenders in Star World's latest reality-TV success, "Rock Star: INXS."

INQUIRER Entertainment was present during this multi-media phone interview on Wednesday in Manila, performance broadcast day in Los Angeles. The show was created to find a front man for Australian band INXS.

MiG joined the competition with an impressive resumé. The 35-year-old college undergraduate made a career in Australia, where he grew up, working in theater, commercials, TV, film and music.

In 2002, he moved to London and starred in "We Will Rock You," a stage musical featuring the music of the famed British rock band Queen.

**How much confidence did you have going into "Rock Star"?**

I was very confident at first. When I heard everybody sing, my confidence went out the window.

**Who do you think is the one to beat?**

I don't think any one in particular is more capable than the rest.

**How do you describe your music?**

I'm a funk-soul rocker—more dance rock and funk rock.

**At this point, what are your chances?**

Before last week, I wasn't that confident because I hadn't been asked for an encore performance. Now the tables are turned. I feel quite [sure]... of at least [landing] in the final three.

**How badly do you want to win?**

I would love to win this competition. But I'm not willing to compromise who I am, or stab people in the back to achieve that goal. The only thing I want to make sure of is that I don't suck onstage, that I don't forget my words or slip.

**Suppose it came down to just two finalists—you and maybe Jordis—with only two songs to choose from, and you wanted the same piece.**

The only way is—paper, rock, scissors. Problem solved! Or maybe arm wrestle, but she'd probably beat me.

**What was it like to get a surprise visit from [your wife] Simone?**

Seeing her was my only motivation to get that encore. So I was on the phone, thinking she was in London. I felt this arm come around me and then saw in the corner of my eye this wisp of blonde hair... I freaked out!

If things don't work out, I go home to the greatest woman in the world.

**Well, there's a lot of people in this room who would like to take you home.**

That's very sweet. I plan to visit Manila very soon. I think my cousins [there] are organizing a reunion.

**How do you prepare for a performance?**

I go through the lyrics in my head really, really quickly. I breathe deeply, say a little prayer, touch my wedding ring and say, "Simmie, wherever you are, just make sure you're with me in this."

**If you don't make it, what's up next?**

I would love to get my band in London, MiGnition, to do recording here in LA. Or maybe I could be a rock star in the Philippines.

**Is Brooke Burke really hot in person?**

Oh, my God. Just because you say "I do" doesn't mean you suddenly go blind. Yes, she's even hotter in person.

**What does your wife think about your growing number of female fans?**

She doesn't seem to have a problem with that. [And] I know where to draw the line.

**Speaking of fans, some are disappointed that you are just introduced as Australian.**

Really? I was born in the Philippines and I'm very, very proud to be Filipino. I was born Filipino, my parents are Filipino. There's no way I will hide that.

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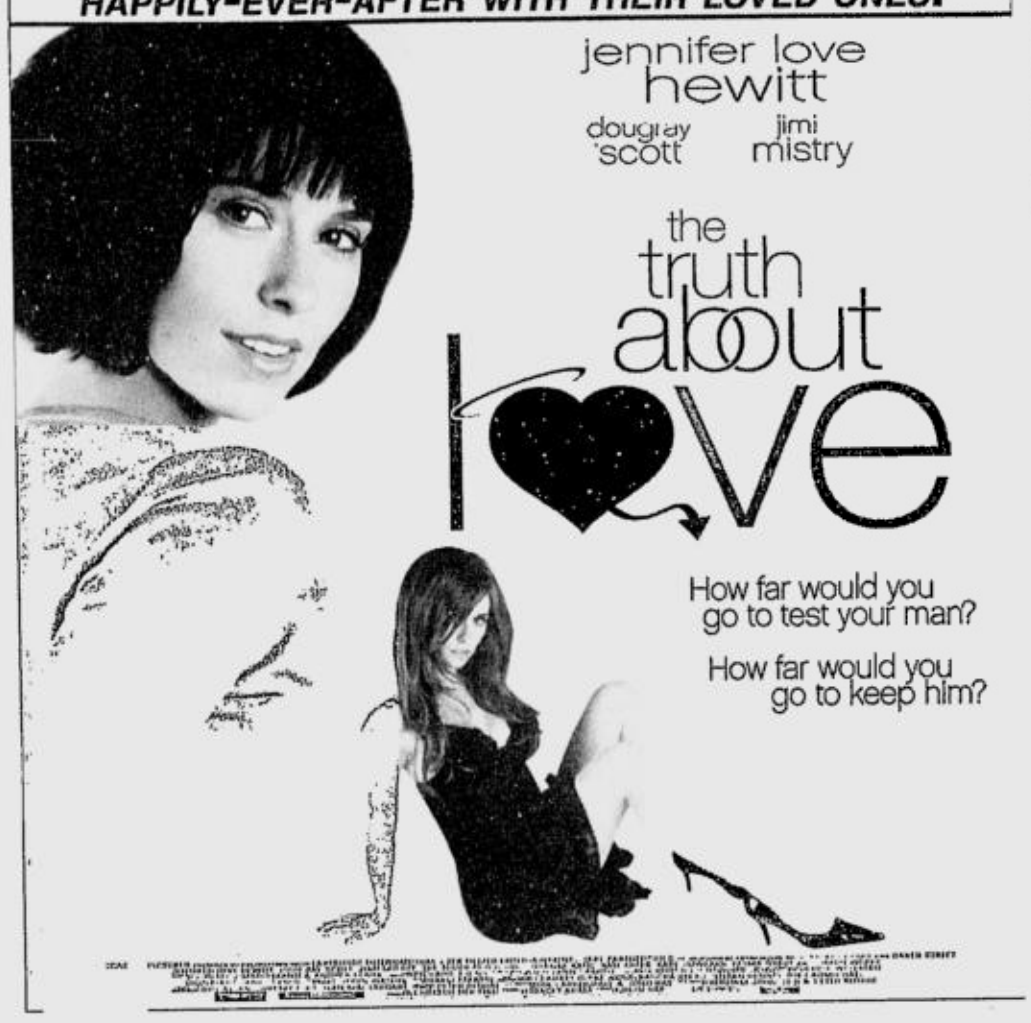


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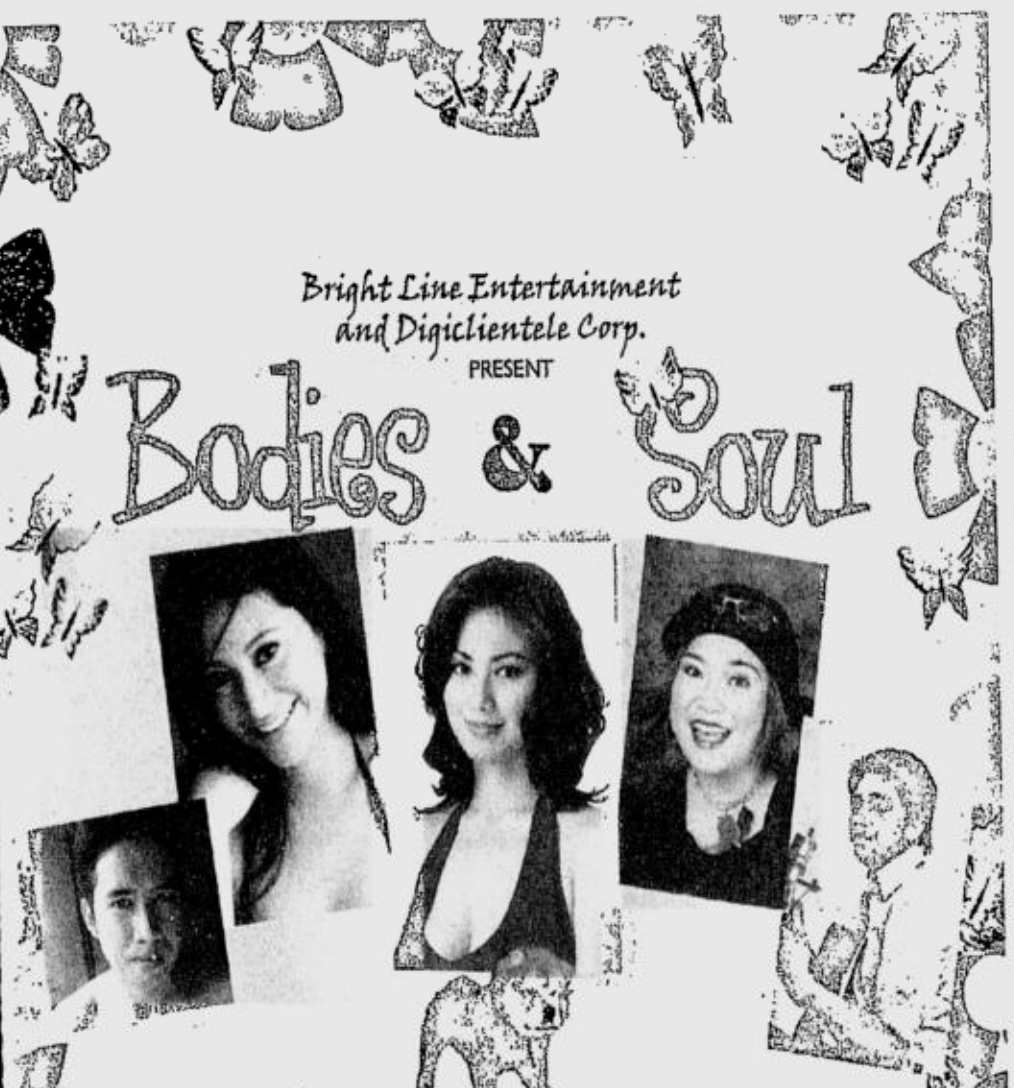

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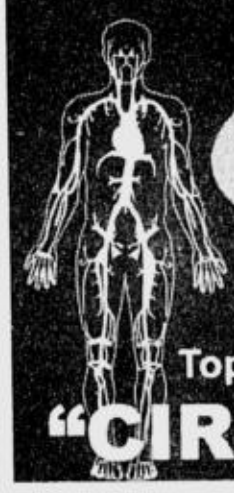

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# Shirley MacLa

AUTHORS of "Out on a Leash," Shirley and her rat terrier Terry, who was supposed to have been Egyptian in a previous life

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LOS ANGELES—We've had Barbra Streisand and her dog pose for photos with us before. But can you picture a dog who not only mingles freely with reporters during a press con but also "co-writes" a book with her master?

Meet Terry, the rat terrier, best friend and traveling companion of Shirley Maclaine, 1984 Oscar Best Actress and 10-time Golden Globe awardee. At 71, Maclaine has been acting for five decades. "I'd love to work with someone older but I can't find anybody," she says and laughs.

The veteran actress is also a book author, whose autobiographies and series of books, led by "Out on a Limb," her treatise on spiritualism, reincarnation, channeling and out-of-body experiences, are bestsellers.

And now, Shirley claims, she and Terry have "written" a book, "Out on a Leash." This new book, in the words of Shirley, "is a view of the world through my eyes and the eyes of Terry, my faithful, unconditionally loving companion, who has taught me to view life with a different attitude."

In the course of our interview with Shirley at the Regent Beverly Wilshire, we learn that Terry, in one of her previous lives, was an Egyptian who knew our colleague, today's press con moderator, back in those days. Our Egyptian peer, it turned out, was a pharaoh. It is that kind of afternoon.

Still sporting her famous gamin look—short red hair, bangs framing her face—Shirley is an amusing and amused interviewee. She has been quoted as stating, "I believe in the saying: 'He who laughs at himself never ceases to be amused.'"

And so we laugh most of the time at this session held for Shirley's latest film, "In Her Shoes," an entertaining adaptation of Jennifer Weiner's hit novel. Curtis Hanson ("L.A. Confidential," "8 Mile" and "Wonder Boys") directs Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette (both of whom we interviewed after Shirley) as motherless sisters who reconcile after they meet their previously unknown grandma (Shirley).

Terry, it must be added, barks, as if on cue, at the mention of Meryl Streep's name. As Shirley speaks, we get a chance to stroke Terry's fur, hoping that her writing talents will rub off on us.

In these excerpts, Shirley talks about her career, Cameron and why dogs, like Terry, are better companions than men. Various reporters ask the questions so for clarity's sake, when the "Egyptian moderator" speaks, he is identified as M.

**Have you written a book lately?**

Yes, I wrote a book with my dog. She's here. She's taking notes! Her name is Terry. The book is called "Out on a Leash." (Laughter.) She writes much better than I do. Yes, it's very metaphysical. You want to meet Terry? Terry! Where are you, sweetheart? (The dog runs from the back of the room to Shirley, who pets her lovingly.) You want to sit on the table? (Shirley carries her up to the table.) I take Terry with me wherever.

**What kind of dog is she?**

She's a rat terrier, a sausage. She stars in the "Sausage Wars." You can sit down, baby (kisses Terry).

**Terry is a thread from your past life?**

Yes, I knew Terry in Egypt.

**Moderator (M): Does she speak Egyptian?**

That's why she kissed you! She remembers you. You didn't kiss her back. Oh, you were a Pharaoh, were you?

**M: Of course.**

So that's why you didn't kiss Terry back. You were a Pharaoh. I was one of your girls! (Laughter.)

**Did anything romantic happen between the two of you?**

Nothing happened! Pharaohs don't do that! (Laughter.) They just sit there and be autocratic. (To moderator) Just like what you're doing today! Remember what we used to wear in Egypt?

**M: Yes.**

They were very heavy.

# Nora's trial set Oct. 14

**By Janet Susan R. Nepales**
*LA Correspondent*

LOS ANGELES—A haggard and sleepless-looking Nora Aunor showed up Tuesday morning (Wednesday in Manila) before Superior Court Judge James R. Brandlin at the Airport Courthouse in Los Angeles, where her drug possession case is being heard.

"So many problems," Aunor replied in Filipino when asked why she looked exhausted.

Dressed casually in a gray top and white pants and wearing no make-up, the singer-actress fidgeted in her seat. She remembered to turn off her cell phone, as required inside the courthouse, only after it rang.

## Third judge

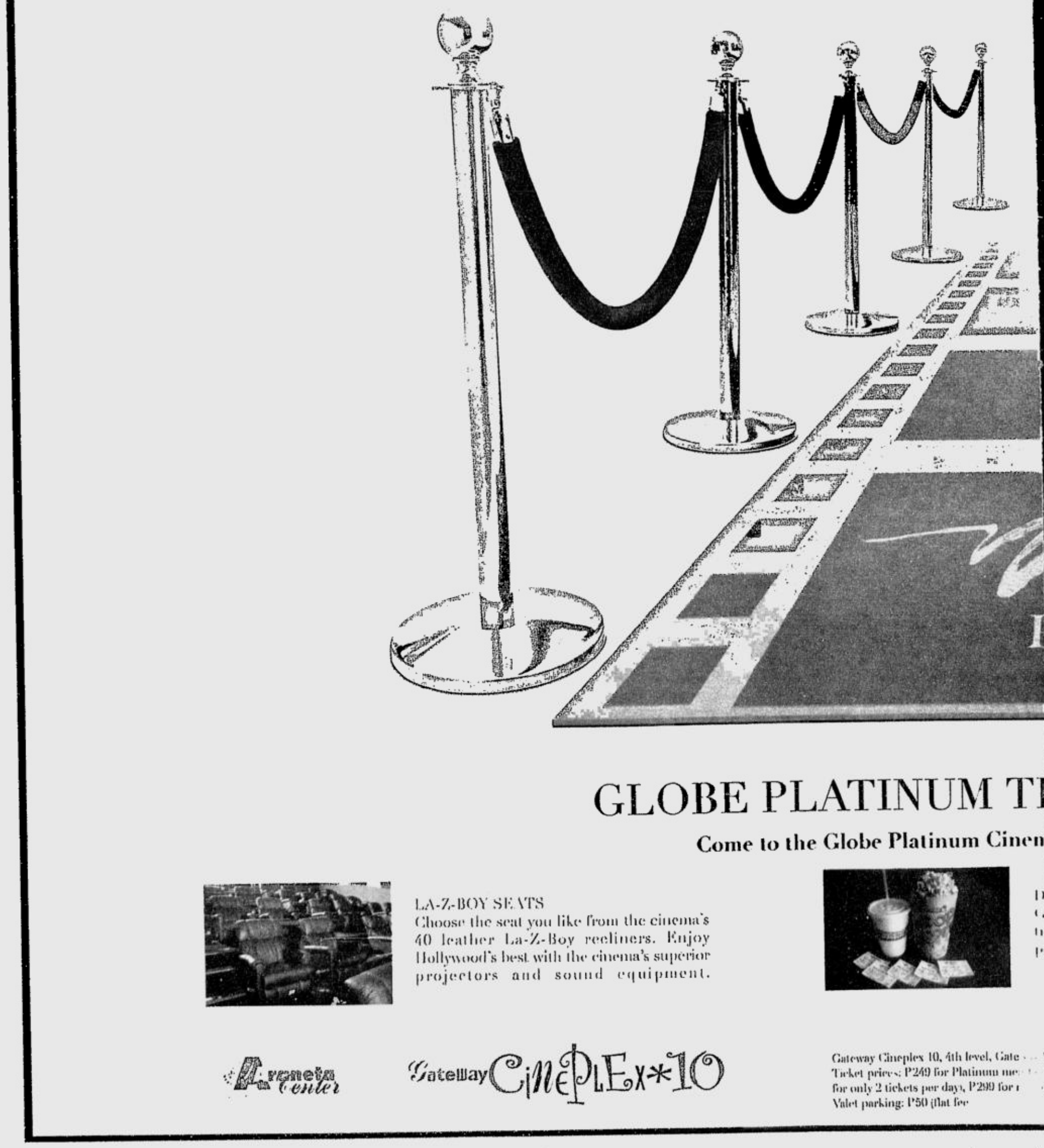
Brandlin is the third judge that Nora has had to face here. Previously, she faced Judge Paula Adele Mabrey and Judge Joseph Shino Biderman.

Pre-trial date was set Sept. 30, and trial was scheduled to commence on Oct. 14 and end Oct. 24.

A handful of press people were present—aside from INQUIRER, only the Associated Press, Philippine News, GMA and ABS-CBN were represented. There were no Noranians in sight.

When asked how she felt about the progress of the case, Lourdes Tancinco, Nora's immigration lawyer, said it was "premature" to give an opinion.

Also present was the singer's manager, Norie Sayo.



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*Ruben V. Nepales*

The Oscar Best Actress winner and 10-time Golden Globe awardee also talks about one past life, two big regrets ... and the dating scene at age 71

**M: I remember you very well.**

So you remember me? At the foot of the Sphinx. I remember you.

**What did Cameron ask you while you were working together?**

She was completely consumed with Justin Timberlake! (Laughter.)

**Can you tell us what you think about today's movie stars?**

Some of these actresses are too worried about their weight, being *fashionistas*. In my day, we worried much more about the work. and of course we were not hounded by the paparazzi.

I didn't have that problem because People magazine wasn't invented yet. Now they also have Us, Star, Celebrity and this new one called OK! So we had a different agenda and different set of priorities when I was Cameron's age. But Cameron does her work.

**What advice would you give a young actress?**

Sleep with her dog! That's it. Don't mess around with the men.

**We're talking about how to survive in this business.**

That advice is good for that too.

**There should be something better than sleeping with a dog.**

Name one. The more I know of men, the more I love my dog.

**I liked your lines in this movie and how you said them.**

Curtis (Hanson) had a very unpredictable take on each line. He could find values in a line that I, as an actor, would never have thought of. He's clearly amazing in that respect. He shot me very close, so the understated performance was seen through the eyes and the cheeks. I was faithful to his request that I do the suffering internally, and what came out on the face was the drama of what else is in there. That's why I enjoyed it. The characters of Cameron and Toni are much more demonstrative. But my character wasn't and I understood that. I'm so used to playing these flamboyant, over-the-top characters.

Then Curtis didn't want me to wear any makeup and wigs—that's huge—because he wanted the bare emotion of the woman uncovered.

**So how did that feel, appearing with your natural hair on film for the first time?**

It's much easier [to wear wigs] because you don't have to go early to get made up and [your] hair done. Curtis didn't want anything between the audience and me.

**Can you talk about Toni and Cameron as actresses?**

Toni is one of our greatest actresses. So much so, that she disappears into the part and I hope she gets the accolades that she deserves. Cameron is Cameron and I think she is brilliant in this movie. But Toni has this quality of command and she becomes the character.

**So how's the dating scene at 71 years old?**

It sucks! I don't like dating, anyway.

**Why?**

Men get very boring! (Laughter) Because they just take a long time to get it. But you know when you've got raging hormones, what do you do with that? I wouldn't exactly go to the Beverly Wilshire and take a room, but I always had relationships with people that I was working with. This business is very conducive to that because you're on a set with them all day, being free with your emotions. And that is very attractive. So you fall in love with the people that you're working with. Oh, I have many men in my life. I have very intimate relationships but I do demand that they know themselves a little bit more than sometimes they're willing to investigate.

**Any regrets over some roles that you turned down?**

I'll tell you, I was so stupid. I turned down "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" because Marty Scorsese was not yet Marty Scorsese. I also went off to New Zealand to do a picture instead of "Breakfast at Tiffany's." See, none of you were born yet so you don't even remember that. But those were my two regrets.

**Do you look back at the time when you were the only female star in Hollywood?**

I don't remember that.

**I meant the time when you got all the big parts.**

It didn't mean anything to me then. It doesn't mean a hell of a lot to me now. I never got the parts that Elizabeth Taylor turned down. Except some of the husbands! (Laughter.) I never thought of myself as this really hot movie star. I really mean this. I was a character actress who happened to do a lot of movies. I love that idea. I don't have to worry about how I look or how thin I am or having plastic surgery because I'm a character actress who is now almost 72.

But I'll tell you something: when you get to be my age, the biggest battle you have is with invisibility. I don't like seeing friends who are my age and no one is noticing them. They're the ones with the wisdom, experience, suffering and happiness. How dare anyone make people who are over 60 invisible! That gets me riled up!

**Many years from now, who do you think will still be major stars among the actresses?**

One of my favorites is Diane Lane. She's terrific, beautiful and sexy. I think she'll be around. She's going to really surprise you. The talented one that I've worked with recently, that I find extraordinarily unworldly, is Nicole (Kidman). Now what happens to her when she, at 5'11", decides to eat a lot, which she does, I don't know. But her talent is there. You're still going to see Meryl Streep (Terry barks for the first time) in 50 years. I hope she doesn't get any older because I want to keep working. (Laughter.)

**In a nutshell, what has life taught you?**

Flexibility. I've learned how to be a bamboo. The wind [can] break an oak tree, even if it's the strongest in the forest. A bamboo just goes like this (demonstrates a swaying bamboo with her hand). I've learned through my travels in the Far East that in the face of success, failure, unhappy this, very happy that, et cetera, I should be like a bamboo.

**What's next?**

In "Rumor Has It" (a sequel of sorts to "The Graduate"), I play Mrs. Robinson 30 years later. (Laughter) I am so outrageously potty-mouthed in that movie. It's hysterical. I loved every minute. She loves this grandaughter, who works for the obituaries of the New York Times. That's comedy right there. And I come in contact with Benjamin, the original man who did the mother and the daughter. In our movie he does all three, including the grandmother. Fascinating! Yes! And I'm just getting to the juicy part.

## Feldman as Douglas

COREY Feldman ("The Goonies," "Stand by Me") plays the screen role of Michael Douglas, jutting chin and all, in a current off-Broadway satire of the soooo '80s movie, "Fatal Attraction." Titled "Fatal Attraction: A Greek Tragedy," the play that "will not be ignored," features Alana McNair channeling Glenn Close's frightfully big, curly hair and a boiled bunny dance/dream sequence, not to mention sex by the...you know where if you've seen this thriller movie.

On the red carpet at the Golden Globes last January, Glenn Close told me she wanted to reprise her Norma Desmond role in the film version of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Sunset Boulevard." It's official—she got the role for which she won a Tony in the Broadway version. "Sunset" follows the unusual path of the upcoming "The Producers"—first came the movie, then the musical version of the film and finally, a movie (again), this time of the musical version.

Also eagerly anticipated is the film version of "Rent," with Rosario Dawson, due this November. Next year, we'll see "Dreamgirls" onscreen with Beyonce Knowles as diva Deena, Jamie Foxx as the manager and Eddie Murphy as the performer who gives the girls their first break.

## Not a musical

SPEAKING of songs, despite its title, "9 Songs" is not a musical. Described by the LA Times as "the most sexually explicit theatrical feature a mainstream director has ever made," Michael Winterbottom's film shows the leads, Kieran O'Brien and Margo Stilley, having actual, graphic sex. Michael directed such acclaimed fare as "Welcome to Sarajevo" and "In This World."

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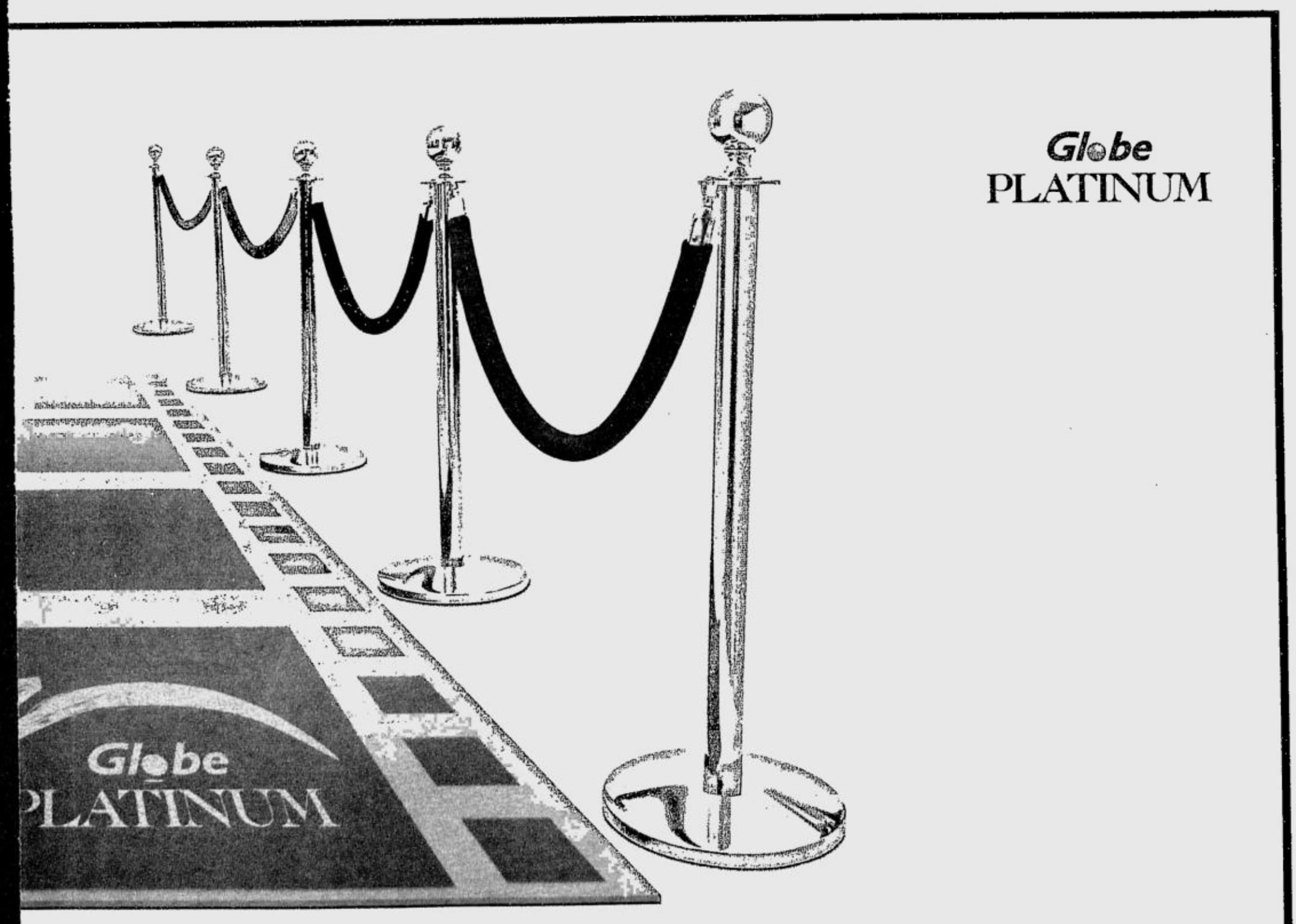


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## Brangelina in Canada

CALGARY, Alberta—Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt toured a dinosaur exhibit over the weekend in Canada's western province, where Pitt is preparing for his role as a villain in an upcoming Hollywood western.

Pitt was in Calgary for the shooting of "The Assassination of Jesse James," which begins Aug. 29.

Wendy Taylor, a spokeswoman for the Royal Tyrrell Museum near Drumheller, said the two dropped in to see the dinosaur exhibits Saturday night, and were very gracious, the Calgary Sun reported Tuesday.

## Nice guys

"Brad phoned to ask about the accessibility of the museum and how easy it might be for him to visit unnoticed. They did not ask us to close the museum or for an after-hours visit or any special treatment," Taylor said.

Museum officials suggested the pair show up after 6 p.m., when the crowds start dropping off.

"They arrived around 7 p.m. and stayed for an hour," Taylor said. Jolie's adopted son, four year-old Maddox, was enthralled by the T-Rex exhibit, she said.

The couple visited the gift shop, bought toys for the kids and left.

"They are both very down-to-earth people and most appreciative," Taylor said. "Our staff members were very impressed at how nice they were." AP

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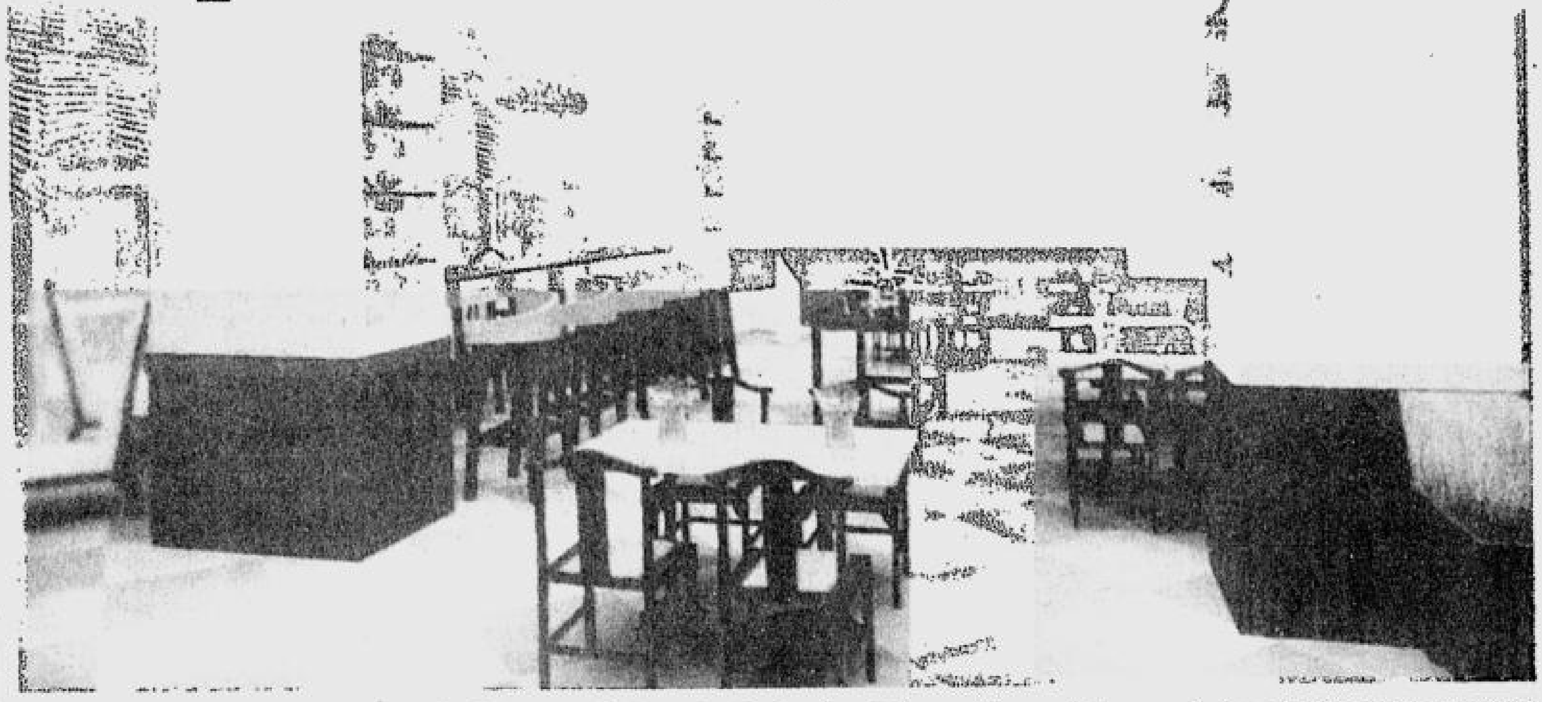
# Mandarin Oriental Cafe and Deli to open at Gateway Mall



THE GATEWAY Mall, Araneta Center's ultimate lifestyle destination for the entire metropolis, welcomes the entry of the Mandarin Oriental Café and Deli on Sept. 1.

"Mandarin Oriental, Manila is delighted to have a presence in the Gateway Mall, which supports the mall's vision to bring an elegance to shopping in Quezon City and set the standard for upscale malling experience," says Helmut Gaisberger, Mandarin Oriental general manager.

Located on the first level of Gateway, the new coffee shop complements the mall's environment that is tailored to the sophisticated shopper. Its interiors convey an impression of a Chinese provincial look, as created by eminent designer Sonia Santiago-Olivares. The use of patterned tiles, stained wood panels, and grass reed window shade, brings into play a quiet, simple and warm ambient feel, evocative of an Oriental village. With no walls to confine it, wooden fences and planters to mimic the look of a village garden, define its perimeter.

The Mandarin Oriental Café and Deli, an adaptation of the hotel's popular Mandarin Deli, proffers an innovative selection in the a la carte menu and vitrine displays consisting of light hearty meals from salads and gourmet sandwiches to Asian specialities, assorted breads, confectionery and deli items, imported cheese and wine selections, homemade ice cream, and a delightful selection of well-loved Filipino merienda fare.

Besides the 67-seat restaurant, Mandarin Oriental will also operate the adjacent Oasis. Described as "a one-of-a-kind floating interior garden that opens to the sky", the unique outdoor café is set against lush greens and refreshing ponds. Encased in glass walls, Oasis can be booked for private functions.

The Gateway Mall, in creating a unique synergy to make Araneta Center a truly special place to live, work, and play, is also connected to the mecca of Philippine entertainment, the Araneta Coliseum.

the bloomfields

## THE BLOOMFIELDS AT THE BELLEVUE

Escape to a world of nostalgia with The Bloomfields, a group of talented young musicians with a penchant for timeless music from the sixties. Southern Metro Manila's premier concert venue, The Bellevue Hotel Grand Ballroom, hosts a wine tasting and concert in one tonight, Aug. 26, for only P700 nett. Enjoy music from the Beatles, Beach Boys, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and tunes from the swingin' sixties as you sip choice Chilean and Argentinian wines and partake of gourmet canapes expertly prepared by The Bellevue executive chef Hans Peter Eckstein. It only happens here at Alabang's most celebrated venue. Call 771-8181 for details.

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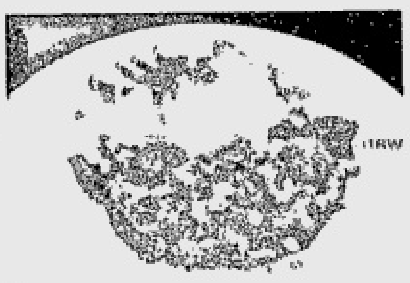
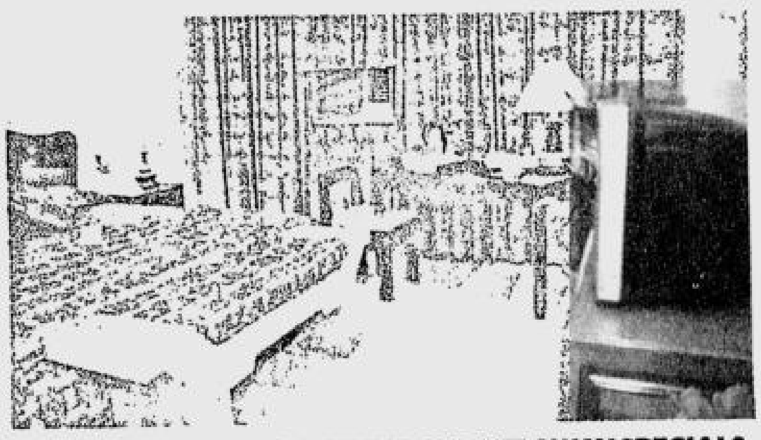


**Treat your family and friends to the thrill and adventure of the West. At Cocoy's Restaurant and at Sta. Fe Coffeeshop, enjoy a different kind of dining experience with their Texan and Mexican recipes. For only P330 per person, get a filling cowboy's meal complete with soup - Ranchero Soup; your choice of main entrée - Chargrilled Chicken Palliard or Mexican Beef Stew - ( shown in photo); and dessert - Stuffed Sponge Moon Cake. For reservations and other inquiries, please call: Cocoy's Restaurant at 522-1000 and Sta. Fe Coffeeshop at 521-1000.**



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## PALM PLAZA HOTEL CELEBRATES EMPLOYEES DAY

**In honor of the hardworking and dedicated employees of Palm Plaza Hotel, an Employees Day will be held today in recognition of their services to the hotel. Various activities such as blood letting program, personality enhancement sessions, and a variety show will simultaneously take place at the hotel. The much-awaited presentation of Palm Plaza Hotel's Singing Cooks, Waiters and Department Heads is one of the highlights of the program. Photo shows the members of the group with Ghie T. Gomez (seated) - resident manager and corporate director of sales. Palm Plaza Hotel, now on its tenth year is located at 524 Pedro Gil corner Adriatico Sts., Malate, Manila.**

## 'A Renaissance Weekend with Prestige Cars BMW'

DINERS at New World Renaissance Hotel's stylish and posh restaurants Bocarinos and Emperor Court get a chance to win a luxurious weekend getaway at a deluxe suite made more exciting with a three-day use of a sleek BMW courtesy of Prestige Cars BMW in a special promotion dubbed "A Renaissance Weekend with Prestige Cars BMW". A choice of three BMW cars will be given to the lucky winner to use such as: the spirited BMW Z4 roadster, the dynamic BMW 3 Series sedan, or the trendy BMW 1 Series hatchback.

Those who dine at the creative continental resto Bocarinos or at the fine Cantonese cuisine restaurant Emperor Court with a minimum of P800 consumption per head from July 25 to Sept. 25, will be given a special BMW gift and an invitation to test drive a vehicle. The test drives can be done from the hotel every Sunday during the promo period from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or scheduled at the Prestige Cars BMW office at Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City. Guests who complete the test drive will be made to fill a raffle coupon for a chance to win the grand raffle prize of weekend stay at a plush suite with the use of a BMW vehicle. For more information, call the New World Renaissance Hotel at 811-6888 or Prestige Cars BMW at 892-8127.

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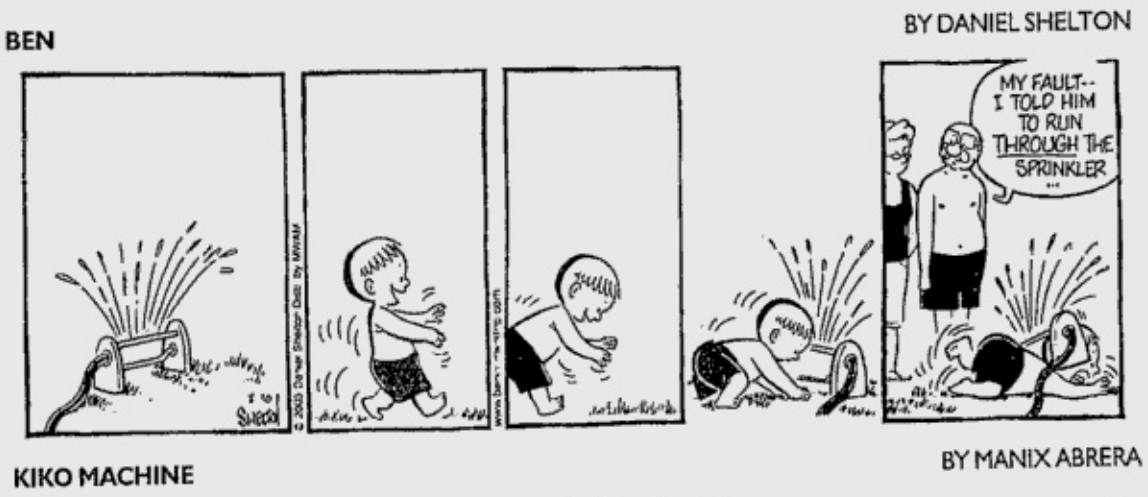


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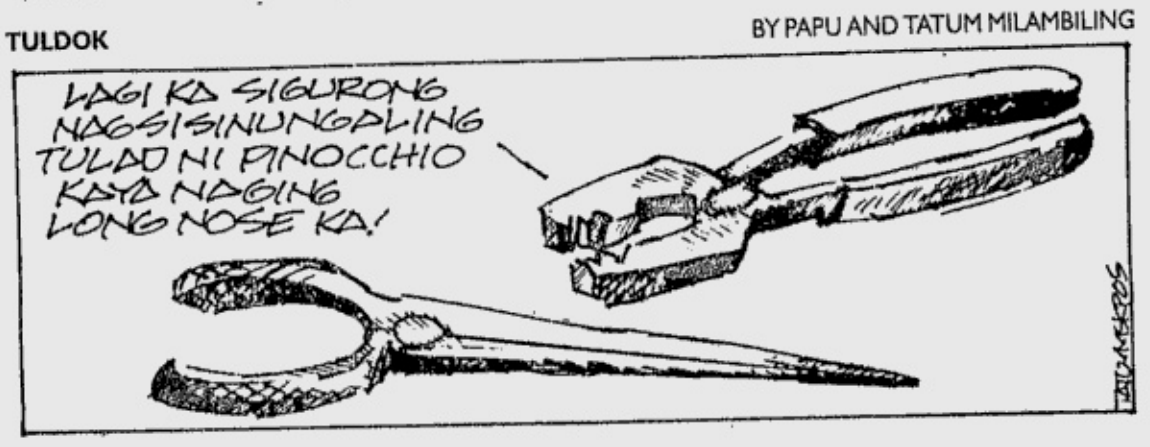



# HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** You like order and structure. Some of you are loners; while others are excellent parents. You do things for the joy of it, and you have high standards about whatever you do. Because you find service to others rewarding, you're often quite selfless. Nevertheless, you need recognition. Major changes take place this year, perhaps as significant as in 1996.
**Birthdate of:** Christopher Columbus, explorer; Macaulay Culkin, actor; Christopher Isherwood, writer.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Love affairs and romantic interests might disappoint you today. In all likelihood, this is because you were expecting something that was unrealistic. (Something we all do.)

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** Conversations with bosses and parents are like two ships passing in the night. Each party does not even hear the other. Incorrect assumptions are made. Don't act! Avoid important decisions.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Today your ruler, Mercury, opposes fuzzy Neptune. All communications are subject to misunderstanding. Instead, you would rather daydream and fantasize. (That's OK.)

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Cash flow and financial issues are confusing today. If you doubt whether you should spend money, perhaps you shouldn't. Your thinking isn't solid or reliable today.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** Misunderstandings with partners and close friends are extremely likely today. Quite likely, your expectations are not realistic. Perhaps you and somebody else are talking apples and oranges.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** You might have second thoughts about something today. You might doubt yourself or question your ability to do something. Don't worry—this feeling passes soon.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** A friend might deceive you or, at the very least, confuse you today. If you're unsure about something, agree to nothing. (Misunderstandings are rampant today.)

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** This is a very poor day for important discussions with your boss, a teacher or a parent. Even discussions with the police or authority figures will go poorly. Communications are subject to confusion today.

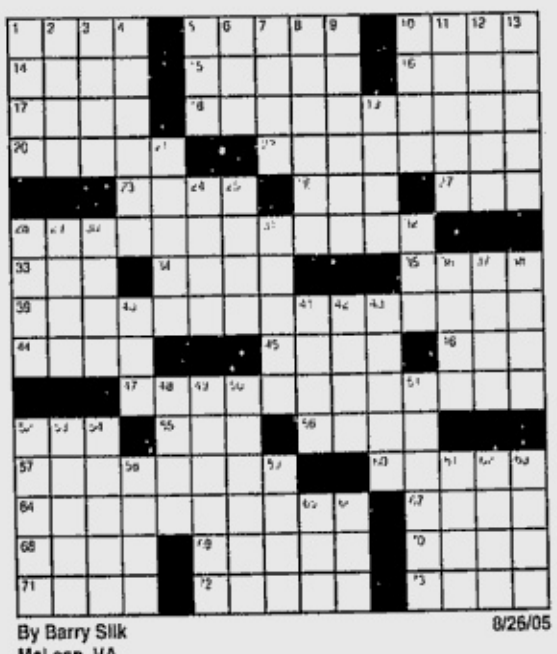
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** Don't try to get others to agree with your political or religious views. They won't understand you. Not only are you wasting your breath, you might turn people away from something valuable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** This is not a good day to make decisions about inheritances, wills or shared property. Confusion and deceit are possible. In addition, your judgment is poor today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** Be extra-patient with partners and close friends today. If someone disappoints you, don't take it seriously. Be patient and forgiving. There's a strong possibility that a misunderstanding is taking place.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** Don't make important decisions at work today. If you think someone is acting fishy, there's a good chance this is happening! Be extra-clear in all your own communications.

# DAILY CROSSWORD



By Barry Silk
McLean, VA

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1 Brazil neighbor
5 Decorative plant
10 Setup punches
14 Neural transmitter
15 Configuration
16 Frequently
17 Stinging insect
18 Discount come-on
20 Scent
22 Fair attraction
23 Ubangi feeder
26 P. Hearst's kidnappers
27 Ques. response
28 Sentry's query
33 Objective
34 One Corleone
35 Digital readouts
39 Hit by the Lettermen
44 Top-notch
45 Justice Warren
46 "The Delta of Venus" writer
47 Buffalo Bob Smith's query
52 Shoveled
55 Gametes
56 Saturn and Mercury
57 Head-to-head
60 Battery type
64 Hot spot
67 Medieval weapon
68 Rational
69 Unclogging product
70 Poet Pound
71 Greek letters
72 Religious figure
73 Totter

**DOWN**
1 Manhandles
2 Midterm, e.g.
3 Fragrant bloom
4 Disconnect
5 Opposite of NNE
6 LBJ's VP
7 Beams
8 Prideful
9 Minor parish official
10 Tight spots
11 Wahine's welcome
12 B in chemistry
13 Medley meals
19 Fiscal period
21 Son of Basil I
24 Explorer Ericson
25 Como _ Usted?
28 Muted trumpet sound
29 Ritz rival
30 Sign of things to come
31 Landlord's sign
32 Building branch
36 Hornswoggles
37 Half of MXIV
38 Dispatched
40 Original
41 Nonclerical
42 Cookbook author Rombauer
43 Phillies and Mets, briefly
48 Sharpen
49 Skirts
50 Hindu mystic writings
51 Atom with a variable nucleus
52 Search for water
53 Knock off a bowler
54 Davis of "The Fly"
58 Raw minerals
59 Actor Morales
61 Goof off
62 Pasture piece
63 Tangible
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66 Small child

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## A word from the sponsors

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

WHY did the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) resign from the Advertising Board of the Philippines (AdBoard)?

Maria Belen Fernando, president of Pana (or the Philippine Association of National Advertisers, an AdBoard member) explained to INQUIRER Entertainment that KBP bolted "to keep its organization unified."

Fernando said the main issue was "the 18-minute commercial load limit (per hour of TV shows) that KBP wants followed, based on the rules in the KBP Code."

According to reports, KBP voiced out the concern that because non-KBP members—like TV giant GMA 7—could go beyond the 18-minute regulation, an "uneven playing field" had been created.

Pana, however, pointed out that advertisers were "not in agreement" as to what constituted the maximum commercial load.

Fernando elaborated: "Some believe 18 minutes is sufficient. Others believe it should be lower or higher, depending on the program or the time slot."

She recalled that the 18-minute rule was set about 10 years ago, raised from 14 minutes. "Considering the developments in the industry and the various markets that companies compete in," she said, "it may be time to re-look the rule."

### Business decisions

As of now, she added, "There is no basis in saying 18 minutes is high, low or just right. Advertisers' placements are business decisions, not whims."

The Pana board of directors has consulted the CEOs and marketing heads of major advertisers, Fernando said.

Ongoing are the meetings of Pana, the KBP Board of Directors and the 4 As (Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies).

It was decided in one of those meetings, said Fernando, that the Pana would commission a thorough research to determine the commercial load that consumers could take across various program types. She said a task force had been organized by the advertisers for this purpose. The group is composed of "research experts and representatives from Pana-member companies, independent media and advertising agencies."

This, she insisted, would be a milestone. "It would also be costly, [but] the results and information will be valuable and helpful." She was optimistic that the disagreements would eventually be ironed out.

"We look forward to the return of the KBP," Fernando said. "After all, media [particularly the broadcasting sector] is one of the pillars of the industry."

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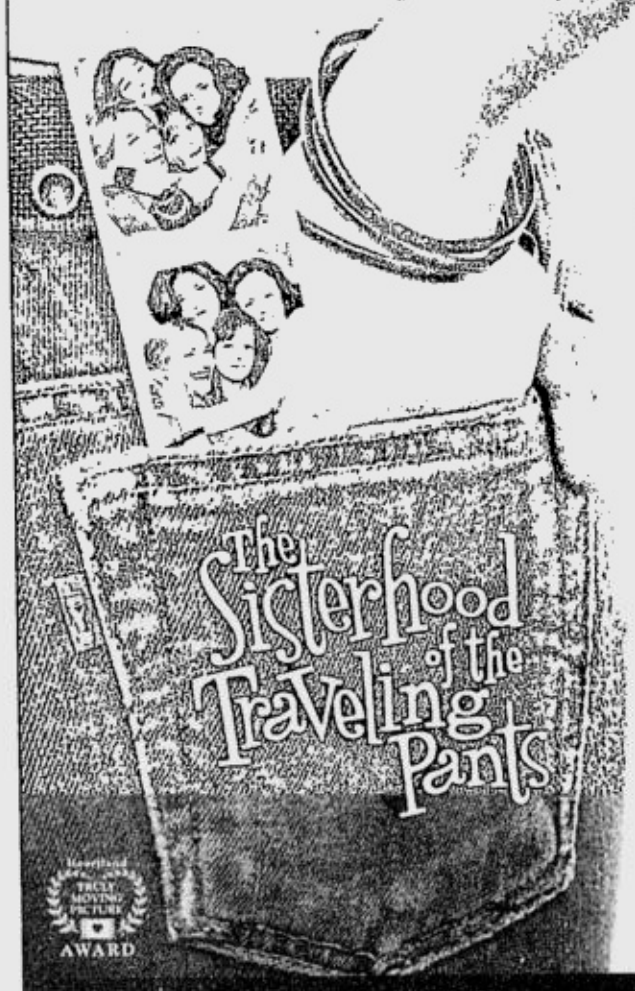


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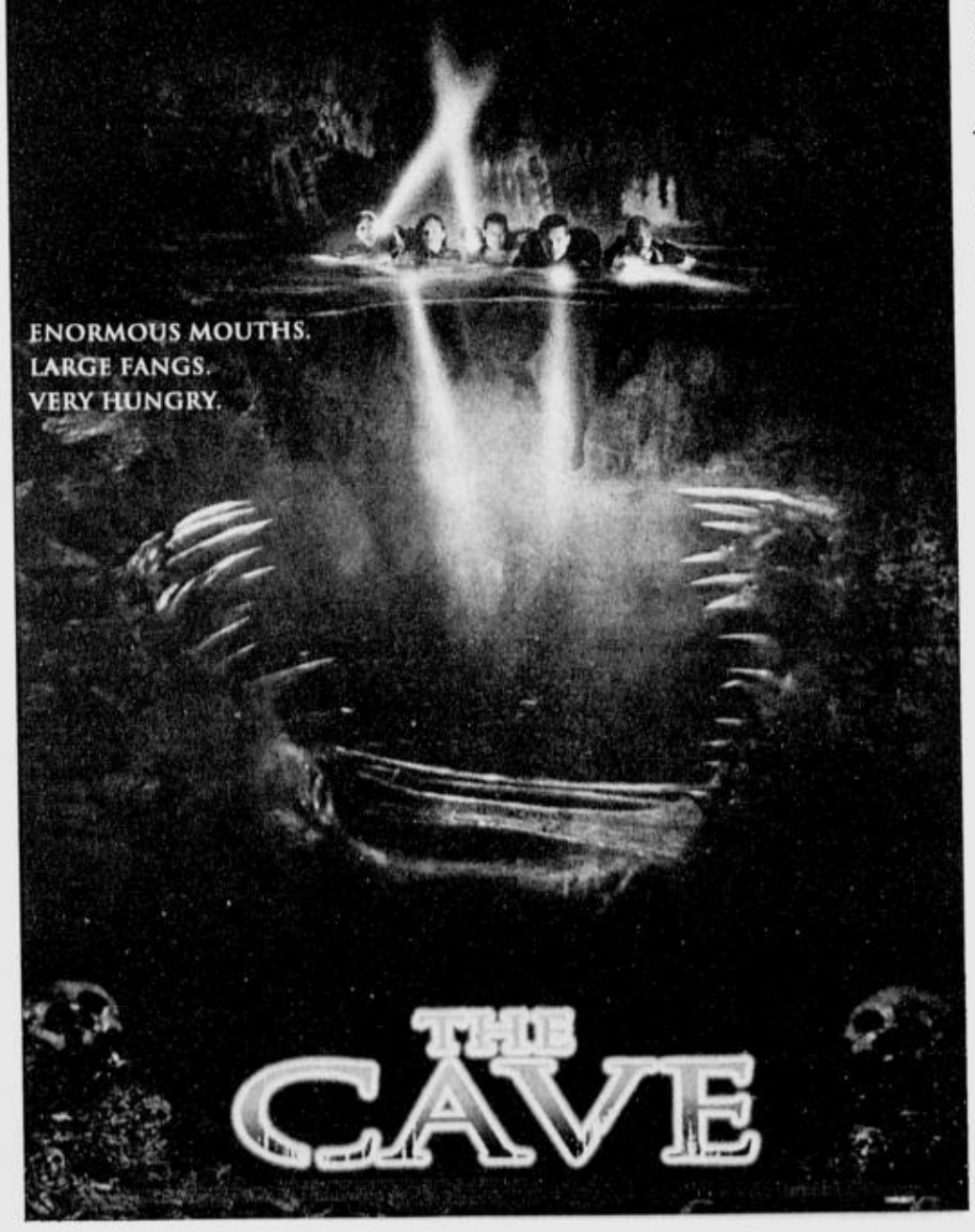

SHARON Cuneta

## *Me . . . again?*

"THERE'S been a nasty rumor going around that I slipped into a coma again," Megastar Sharon Cuneta told INQUIRER Entertainment yesterday via a text message.

In 1997, she allegedly figured in a car accident with her husband, Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan. In 2003, the story was rehashed, but her supposed companion was daughter KC Concepcion.

Last year, she "fell into a coma" after giving birth to daughter Mariel. Senator Pangilinan had to come out on TV to deny it.

This latest tale, dispersed via SMS and the Internet, claims that Sharon expired while undergoing liposuction.

Mega said of the gossip hounds: "Maybe they just miss me."

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# June imports rise 6%

## 25.5% increase in cost of fuel purchases blamed

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY'S merchandise imports rose by 6 percent in June from a year earlier due largely to the rising cost of crude.

The National Statistics Office yesterday reported that imports in June stood at $4.005 billion, up from $3.778 billion in the same period last year.

"This was mainly caused by the surging prices of oil," said Jonathan Ravelas, Banco de Oro's market strategist, noting that the cost of fuel imports during the month was 25.5 percent higher than the previous year's level.

With the rise in the June import bill outpacing the 1-percent growth in exports (to $3.35 bil-

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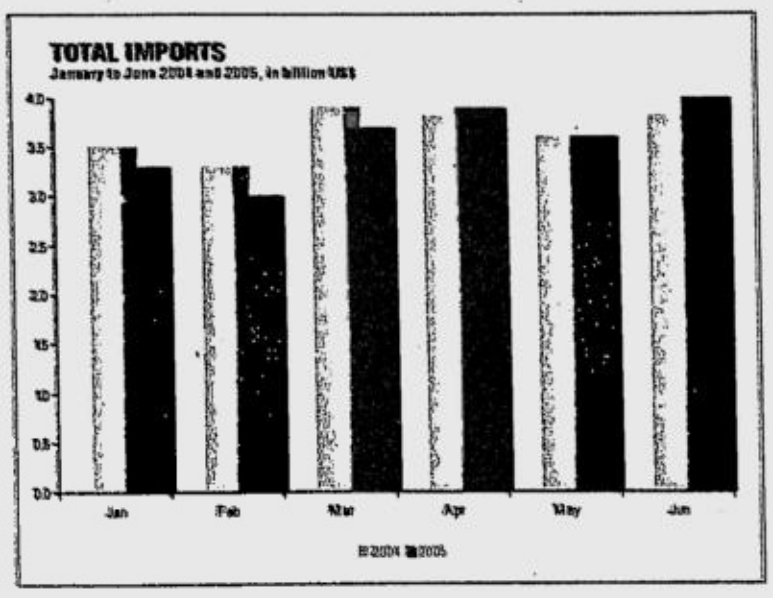


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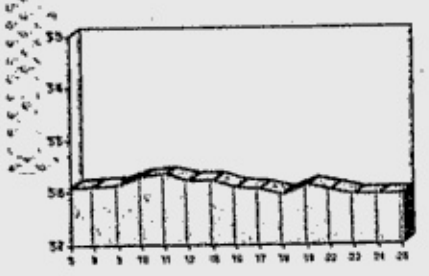


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### STOCK MARKET

**Shares close flat**

SHARE prices yesterday closed flat with the slightest of gains by bargain hunters proving enough to end eight straight days of declines, dealers said.

They said investors remained cautious over high crude prices while awaiting a Supreme Court decision on the

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# Cash, shares for TPG plan holders

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE OWNERS of pre-need firm TPG Corp. are willing to cede control of the firm to plan holders as part of a scheme to settle its liabilities and preserve its trust fund.

Under this payment scheme, TPG has proposed to limit the amount of benefits plan holders can avail of by paying them a combination of cash and shares in the company over a period of time.

As of Dec. 30, 2004, TPG's trust fund deficit amounted to P1.34 billion for both education and pension plans, according to the financial report it submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Its actuarial reserve liabilities, or liability to plan holders, over a given period of time has amounted to P2.31 billion for both types of plans compared with the P969.8 million in its trust fund investments.

Francisco Colayco, chair and chief executive officer of TPG, said that under what he calls the STEP-UP program, TPG will set a limit on payouts for open-ended plans to be settled with cash and non-cash.

TPG said that in order to preserve its trust fund, it will limit its payouts by paying up to a maximum of 12 to 15 percent more, on the average per year, of the gross contract price of the plan.

For a scholar studying at the University of Sto. Tomas for example, the gross price could be worth P21,075. Based on the current open-ended contract structure, the projected availments could reach up to P371,376 over the life of the plan.

Under the STEP-UP program, the projected availments could be reduced to P157,187. This would still yield a return of 7.5 percent for the plan holder.

The non-cash portion of the redefined payouts will be in shares issued to plan holders. As shareholders, they will have a stake in a company that will restructure into a holding company focused on financial services.

Of TPG's total shares, 86 percent is owned by Professional Mutual Holdings Inc. The balance of TPG's 14 percent is held by Colayco.

# MB keeps key policy rates steady

THE MONETARY Board yesterday kept its key overnight rates steady for the fourth straight month despite pressures from soaring oil prices and rising interest rates in the United States.

The policy-making body of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday voted to keep the overnight borrowing or reverse repurchase rate unchanged at 7 percent and the overnight lending or repurchase rate at 9.25 percent.

"The assessment on inflation is still the same," said BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. "Oil prices are still the dominant factor behind it."

The key policy rates were last raised by 25 basis points in April to preempt what appeared to be rising inflation.

While the BSP has sparingly used the overnight rates as a mopping up tool, it has tightened monetary policy using another weapon, the reserve requirement, only last month.

Meanwhile, the US Federal Open Market Committee jacked up its targeted funds rate by another quarter percentage to 3.5 percent earlier this month. The foreign markets expect another 25-basis point hike by September.

Although the fresh rate hike by the US Fed had narrowed the differential between local and US interest rates, the BSP believes it has not resulted in worrisome volatility of the peso against the US dollar. *By Doris C. Dumlao*

# *A sleeping giant*

**Ernesto M. Ordoñez**

**COMMENTARY**

"IT IS a global phenomenon affecting every man, woman and child. And it has implications for all facets of human life."

This was the statement of Joseph Chamie, director of the Population Division at the United Nations secretariat in New York, during a recent roundtable on aging.

The aging population of a nation may be compared to a sleeping giant. And it is this sleeping giant that may provide our country with another leg to stand on as we strive to find the elusive key to rapid sustainable economic development.

Our agriculture and agriculture-related industries employ two-thirds of our work force drawn from the poorest sectors of our society. With a weak economy and poor purchasing power, who will pay good money for our agriculture products?

It is therefore imperative for us to look at the broader picture of the whole economy and find out what are the important keys to its growth.

## Background

Compared to the Philippines, where only 4 percent of our population is over the age of 65, most developed countries have retiree populations of over 10 percent.

For example, the retiree populations of Japan, Germany, Italy, France and the United Kingdom range between 16 percent and 19 percent. This translates to 251 million people in these countries alone.

This figure is further increased by the combined impact of improved medicine and lower fertility rates.

In the Philippines, the typical family has three or four children. Women in the European Union give birth to an average of only 1.5 children. In South Korea and Japan, the averages are even lower, 1.2 and 1.3 respectively.

The large number of retirees from the more developed countries today want to make the remainder of their lives more comfortable. With their limited pensions and the harsh climates of their native countries, they are looking for retirement destinations where their pensions can go a long way. The Philippines meets all these conditions.

The potential is indeed great. David Paraiso, head of the Health Coalition Institute (HCI), gave a presentation to a presidential task force headed by Secretary Roberto Romulo last month.

## Retirement agency

Paraiso showed that, aside from the 251 million retirees from the five countries mentioned earlier, there are 36.4 million Americans today age 65 or over.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the Philippines was recorded as the top destination of American retirees. If we do not move quickly, we will miss out on the opportunity of reaping the benefits from being a prime retiree destination. There are other countries aggressively competing with us to win this market.

In 1978, the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) was born. Most of those in the retirement industry felt that PRA was more involved in giving retirement visas and benefits.

They believe that the agency should concentrate on planning the strategic thrusts and programs needed to attract retirees and build a strong retirement industry.

Under a new management headed by Dr. Nelson Collantes and his deputy Jose Marcelo Jr., the PRA has embarked on this new direction.

In terms of effective management, the PRA is doing well. Comparing the semi annual fiscal year figures of 2004 and 2005, revenue increased by almost 15 percent, while operating costs decreased 13 percent.

Today, PRA earns P2.80 for P1 spent, compared to P2.16 a year ago. Registered retirees have likewise more than doubled to 2,000 per year compared to 700 during the previous period. The target is to have 100,000 registered retirees within 10 years.

## More support needed

Today, after almost 20 years, there are only 11,000 PRA registered retirees. The target of 100,000 retirees looks large, based on prior performance. The PRA management said they need more support from the private sector and other government agencies. Based on their track record last year, they certainly deserve all the support they can get.

PRA reported that every retiree spends at least P50,000 a month. Paraiso reports that 12.5 percent of Filipinos living in the United States are 65 and over.

If we assume that only 5 percent of the 10 million Filipinos abroad retire here, this would mean that 500,000 returning Filipinos would pump in an extra P300 billion to our economy.

But, as Paraiso says, this should only be a small share of our target market.

For example, Japan, which is only five hours away by plane, has 24.2 million people age 65 or over. If we get only 3 percent of the retirees, 726,000 Japanese would add P436 billion annually to our economy.

If we get only 1/2 of one percent of the remaining 263 million retirees today in the five other developed countries mentioned earlier, this would mean an extra P792 billion, or $30 billion, for the Philippines.

There was a master plan formulated for the retirement industry 10 years ago. It is high time that the plan is updated and made more responsive to today's needs.

## Reverse migration

We are relying too much on our overseas workers that infuse $10 billion annually to our economy, at great costs to their personal lives.

If we harness this retirement potential, many of our overseas workers can come back. Even the migration of our doctors and nurses can be reversed as they are now able to work at higher salaries for the burgeoning retiree population.

The PRA general manager is inviting interested parties from the private and public sectors to participate in an exploratory session he will conduct on this issue.

This will be held on Sept. 1, 3 p.m., at the PRA main conference room on the 33rd floor of Citibank 2 at the corner of Villar and Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati. For more information, please call PRA's marketing head, Joel Mayo at 848-1412 to 16.

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# PAL firms up domestic refleeting

By Clarissa S. Batino

PHILIPPINE Airlines has firmed up its plan to upgrade 13 of its aircraft servicing domestic flights after it signed a contract to lease three more Airbus A-320 planes.

With the new contract, the country's flag carrier now has a total of six leased A-320s.

PAL president Jaime Bautista yesterday said the company would be spending about $65 million for the modernization of the domestic fleet. The company has 30 planes for local and overseas operations.

The amount will cover the so-called spare parts provisioning required by the company renting out the aircraft to ensure that parts that have to be replaced during the term of the lease are already paid for.

The last of the newly leased A-320s would arrive in February 2006.

"We have a commitment already with a leasing company," Bautista said in an interview after the company's stockholders meeting yesterday. "Between now and 2008, we will be modernizing our domestic fleet with new leases of the same type of aircraft."

With the economic outlook uncertain due to surging petroleum prices, the PAL chief said the company thought it wise to enter into five-year leasing agreements for the meantime instead of purchasing new planes like what its competitor Cebu Air Pacific did.

Cebu Pacific of the Gokongwei family bought 12 new Airbus 319 planes for $500 million. The second largest local airline also leased two new A-320s for major domestic routes like Cebu and Davao. The A-319s will be arriving between September this year and early 2007.

The re-fleeting will boost the airline's efficiency so it could improve its service to customers, said PAL's top official. The use of newer planes would allow a faster turnaround time that was essential in improving PAL's on-time performance.

PAL had to set aside about $5 million for the spare parts provisioning of each aircraft. The leasing company usually required a provisioning of 10 percent of the value of an aircraft estimated at about $40 million.

The flag carrier reported a 73-percent increase in its net income for the first quarter of its fiscal year at $27.5 million, (roughly P1.5 billion) against the $15.92 million of the previous year.

PAL's fiscal year starts in April so the first quarter covers April to June. The first quarter income already exceeded the carrier's full year profit of about P1.2 billion during the previous fiscal year ending March 2005.

# Prudential buyout boosts BPI bottomline

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE AYALAS' cash-rich Bank of the Philippine Islands expects to further jack up its net profits by up to P900 million each year after it took over Prudential Bank.

BPI earned P6.67 billion in net profits in 2004 and raked in another P4.3 billion in the first semester of this year, bringing its return on equity (ROE) to 15.9 percent.

In an interview, BPI president Aurelio Montinola III told reporters the bank could make the most out of its P6-billion purchase of Prudential Bank.

"Their historical income has been around P400-P500 million, so if we can bring that up to about P700-P800 million, it will earn about 12-13 percent ROE," Montinola said.

He added that BPI would eventually push it to P900 million. "That will be about 15 percent ROE," Montinola said. "That's how we look at it. Of course the first year shall be difficult."

The bank president said BPI's takeover of Prudential Bank was on track with at least 80 percent of its stockholders accepting its tender offer.

"We're going to close the transaction by the end of the month... We'll just use the cash we have," he explained.

BPI agreed to acquire the Santos family's controlling stake in Prudential Bank estimated at 80 percent for P746.44 per share, and offered the same to other stockholders in order to get as much as 100 percent.

Following the acquisition, Montinola said that BPI would take a break from the hunting game for now. He estimated that it would take the bank a year to digest the acquisition of Prudential Bank.

Earlier, BPI was prequalified to bid for a controlling stake in Philippine National Bank. But the bank no longer participated in the auction.

Prudential Bank ranks 18th among the country's commercial banks with assets of at least P52 billion. It has a loan portfolio of P12.8 billion and a deposit base of P43 billion. It has 187 branches, 91 of which are in the National Capital Region.

BPI's total resources had reached P473.7 billion in the first semester. This will increase to P525.7 billion once the takeover of Prudential Bank is completed.

## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of August 25, 2005)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| **BANKS** | | | | | |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 31.5 | 32 | 31.5 | 32 | 25,500 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 51 | 52 | 51 | 52 | 1,228,300 |
| China Banking Corp. | 805 | 805 | 805 | 805 | 200 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 400 |
| Export and Ind. Bank Inc. | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.61 | 0.62 | 1,680,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 50.5 | 50.5 | 50 | 50 | 95,300 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 28 | 28 | 27.5 | 28 | 504,000 |
| Philippine National Bank | 37.5 | 38 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 4,600 |
| Phil. Savings Bank | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 100 |
| Rizal Comm. Banking Corp. | 14 | 14 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 20,000 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 322,000 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 29.5 | 30 | 29.5 | 29.5 | 12,400 |
| **FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 2800 | 2805 | 2800 | 2805 | 440 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 1 | 1.02 | 1 | 1.02 | 118,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Inc. | 2010 | 2030 | 2010 | 2030 | 2,260 |
| **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL** | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 730,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 720 | 725 | 715 | 720 | 14,180 |
| Ipeople Inc. | 2.85 | 2.85 | 2.85 | 2.85 | 16,000 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 1,000,000 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 2,200,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 3 | 3.05 | 2.95 | 3 | 2,610,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 1540 | 1550 | 1540 | 1540 | 88,970 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 9,000,000 |
| **POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES** | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 14.75 | 14.75 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 39,200 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 22.75 | 23.25 | 22.75 | 23.25 | 213,700 |
| Manila Water Co. Inc. | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 1,384,000 |
| Petron Corp. | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 1,715,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 264,000 |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals, Inc. | 1.66 | 1.66 | 1.66 | 1.66 | 400,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 7.9 | 8 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 40,000 |
| Keppel Phils. Marine Inc. | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 100,000 |
| **CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS** | | | | | |
| Holcim Philippines Inc. | 3.05 | 3.05 | 3 | 3 | 1,605,000 |
| **FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO** | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 3.45 | 3.45 | 3.45 | 3.45 | 39,000 |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 1,100 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32 | 32 | 486,200 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 30,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 67.5 | 67.5 | 67 | 67.5 | 187,300 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 98 | 98 | 96.5 | 97.5 | 140,900 |
| Universal Robina Corp. | 16.75 | 16.75 | 16.75 | 16.75 | 1,000 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 350,000 |
| **HOLDING FIRMS** | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 1,000,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 292.5 | 297.5 | 292.5 | 295 | 39,670 |
| Alsons Cons. Res. Inc. | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 230,000 |
| Alliance Global Group Inc. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 3,000 |
| Ajo.Net Holdings Inc. | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 5,300,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 2.02 | 2.1 | 2.02 | 2.02 | 175,000 |
| APC Group Inc. | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 610,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0075 | 0.008 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 79,000,000 |
| Anglo Phil Holdings Corp. | 0.6 | 0.61 | 0.6 | 0.61 | 250,000 |
| ATN Holdings Inc. | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 1.44 | 15,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 3,010,000 |
| Basic Consolidated Inc. | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 4,720,000 |
| CADP Group Corp. | 0.84 | 0.9 | 0.84 | 0.9 | 400,000 |
| Crown Equities Inc. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 140,000 |
| DMCI Holdings Inc. | 2.95 | 3 | 2.95 | 3 | 914,000 |
| Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 259,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 43.5 | 44 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 174,100 |
| Ionics Inc. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 40,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 3.35 | 245,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 3,588,000 |
| Multitech Inv. Corp. | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 170,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 5,480,000 |
| Solid Group Inc. | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 100,000 |
| SM Investments Corp. | 215 | 216 | 212 | 213 | 340,590 |
| Uniwide Holdings Inc. | 0.165 | 0.165 | 0.16 | 0.165 | 1,240,000 |
| Waterfront Phils., Inc. | 0.195 | 0.2 | 0.195 | 0.2 | 190,000 |
| **MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING** | | | | | |
| Pryce Corp. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 300,000 |
| Stenitel Manufacturing | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 30,000 |
| **HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 1,460,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 1.42 | 1.44 | 1.4 | 1.42 | 1,167,000 |
| Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc. | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 330,000 |
| **BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp.(Pdr) | 13.25 | 13.25 | 13 | 13.25 | 304,900 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 300 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series T | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 200 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series V | 11 | 11 | 10.75 | 11 | 31,400 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series X | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 200 |
| PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa | 10.5 | 11 | 10.5 | 11 | 5,300 |
| **OTHERS** | | | | | |
| Centro Escolar University | 7.6 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.7 | 15,000 |
| **PROPERTY** | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 1,444,000 |
| Cebu Holdings Inc. | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 210,000 |
| C&P Homes Inc. | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 370,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 1,700,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 1.36 | 1.38 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 2,097,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 90,000 |
| Philippine Estates Corp. | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 200,000 |
| Robinsons Land Corp. | 3.95 | 4 | 3.95 | 4 | 9,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 5,664,000 |
| **MINING** | | | | | |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 8,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 905,000 |
| Benguet Corp. A | 8.2 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 35,000 |
| Dizon Copper Silver Mines | 2.02 | 2.08 | 2.02 | 2.08 | 86,000 |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 2,200,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 1,910,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. A | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 13,000,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. B | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 4,000,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 7,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. A | 0.81 | 0.83 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 4,770,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.95 | 0.97 | 0.94 | 0.95 | 10,010,000 |
| Semirara Mining Corp. | 28 | 28 | 27.5 | 27.5 | 171,800 |
| United Paragon Mining Co. | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 9,160,000 |
| **OIL** | | | | | |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 10,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 1,000,000 |
| Pacifica | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 2,000,000 |
| Petroenergy Res. Corp. | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 289,000 |
| Sinophil Corp. | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.135 | 0.135 | 1,160,000 |
| Vulcan Ind'l | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 1,320,000 |

## DISCLOSURES

**EAST Asia Power Resources Corp.** disclosed the resignation of Karla Lumen J. Humena as assistant corporate secretary, effective Aug. 31.

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**WATERFRONT Philippines Inc.** will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Sept. 17, 10 a.m. at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel Inc. Lahug, Cebu City. Stockholders of record as of Aug. 9 are entitled to notice and vote at the meeting.

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**APEX Mining Co. Inc.** disclosed that Crew Gold Corp. and its affiliate Mapula Creek Gold Corp. have signed a share purchase agreement with various stockholders of the company, involving 72.87 percent of the company's issued outstanding capital stock. The PSE issued a temporary trading halt on APX shares effective Aug. 25.

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**FILIPINO Fund Inc.** disclosed that the board accepted the resignation of BPI Investment Management Inc. as fund manager of the company and likewise appointed BPI Asset Management and Trust Group as the new fund manager.

*Compiled by Erika A. Sarmiento, PDI Research*

## CURRENCIES

| August 25, 2005 Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.817327 | 1.000000 | 55.9040 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007439 | 0.009102 | 0.5088 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.472742 | 1.801900 | 100.7334 |
| Hong Kong | Dollar | 0.105147 | 0.128647 | 7.1919 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.643464 | 0.787278 | 44.0120 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.682813 | 0.835422 | 46.7034 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.490622 | 0.600276 | 33.5578 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.617503 | 0.755515 | 42.2363 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.168034 | 2.652590 | 148.2904 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.217954 | 0.266667 | 14.9078 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.489154 | 0.598480 | 33.4574 |
| Indonesia | Rupiah | 0.000081 | 0.000099 | 0.0055 |
| Thailand | Baht | 0.019959 | 0.024420 | 1.3652 |
| UAE | Dirham | 0.222541 | 0.272279 | 15.2215 |
| Euro | Euro | 1.000000 | 1.223500 | 68.3985 |
| Argentina | Peso | 0.281110 | 0.343938 | 19.2275 |
| Brazil | Real | 0.340624 | 0.416753 | 23.2982 |
| Denmark | Kroner | 0.134080 | 0.164047 | 9.1709 |
| India | Rupee | 0.018759 | 0.022952 | 1.2831 |
| Malaysia | Ringgit | 0.216826 | 0.265287 | 14.8306 |
| Mexico | New Peso | 0.075546 | 0.092430 | 5.1672 |
| New Zealand | Dollar | 0.569090 | 0.696282 | 38.9249 |
| Norway | Kroner | 0.125207 | 0.153191 | 8.5640 |
| Korea | Won | 0.000795 | 0.000973 | 0.0544 |
| Taiwan | Nt Dollar | 0.025474 | 0.031167 | 1.7424 |

# Shares close flat

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implementation of the expanded value added tax (VAT) law.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.53 points to 1,925.68 after trading between 1,928.67 and 1,921.98 points. Volume reached 226.6 million shares valued at P529.4 million.

The Philippine peso was trading at 56.082 to the dollar when stock market trading closed.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone was the most active stock, ending unchanged at P1,540.

Second top-traded SM Investments retreated P3 to P213. Its unit, shopping mall developer SM Prime Holdings ended steady at P7.10 *AFP*

# Audi fiscal reversed

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has reversed the Pangasinan fiscal who filed an estafa through falsification of public documents case against the Germany-based chair of Audi and the entire board of the automotive company.

Because of the estafa complaint and ensuing warrants of arrest, the former official distributor of Audi vehicles, Auto Prominence, posted "wanted" advertisements in the newspapers, complete with the mug shots, like wanted criminals, of the Audi executives.

In ordering the withdrawal of the estafa complaint, the DOJ said none of the Audi board members accused even signed the distributorship agreement that Audi subsequently cancelled with Auto Prominence.

"It is highly incongruous to impute criminal liability to someone who has no clear participation in the criminal acts complained of," said State Prosecutor Olivia Non in reversing Pangasinan prosecutor Abraham Ramos.

Besides, the alleged failure of Audi to comply with its alleged contractual obligation with Auto Prominence is neither deceit nor falsification but, at best, a civil liability.

Citing poor sales and substandard showroom and after-sales support, Audi cancelled the distributorship and dealership agreement with Auto Prominence, and awarded the same to PGA Cars of insurance magnate Robert Coyiuto Jr.

An incensed Auto Prominence later sued Audi, and placed Wild, Wild West-style newspaper advertisements about the Audi board of directors, which prompted even German Ambassador Axel Weishaupt to register his government's protest over the Philippine administration of justice.

Audi is being represented by lawyer Jose Bernas; Auto Prominence, by Purita Hontanosas-Cortes.

## Money from Palawan soil

ONE of the early beneficiaries of the decision of the Palawan government to relax mining restrictions

## COCKTALES

*Victor C. Agustin*

on the island province is businessman Ramon "Monchoy" Garcia, a.k.a. the brother of Antonio Garcia of Chemphil/Reynolds repute.

According to the grapevine, Monchoy is moving to immediately start operations in Berong town, now that the Palawan government has lifted mining elevation level to 1,000 meters from the previous 300-meter ceiling.

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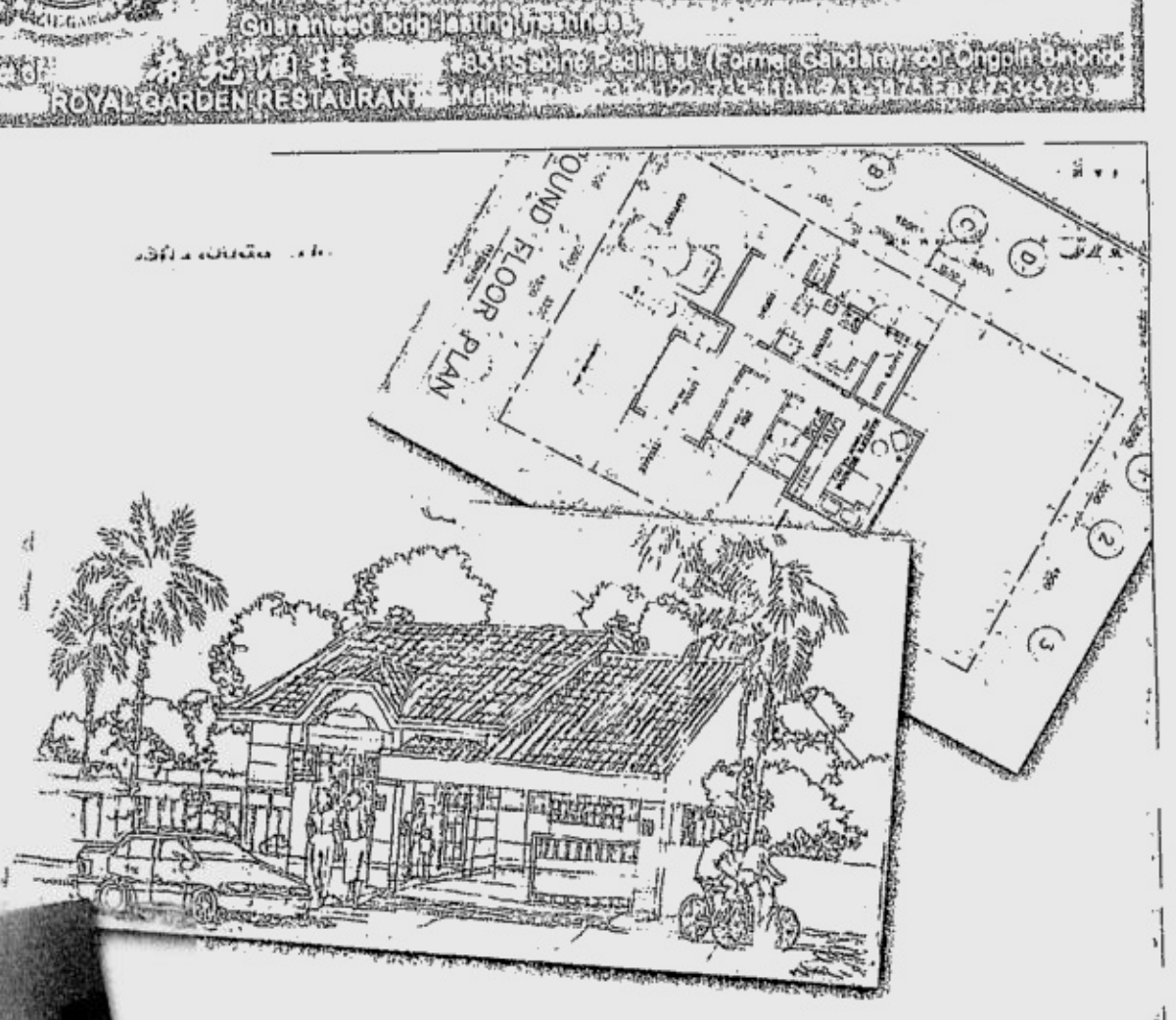

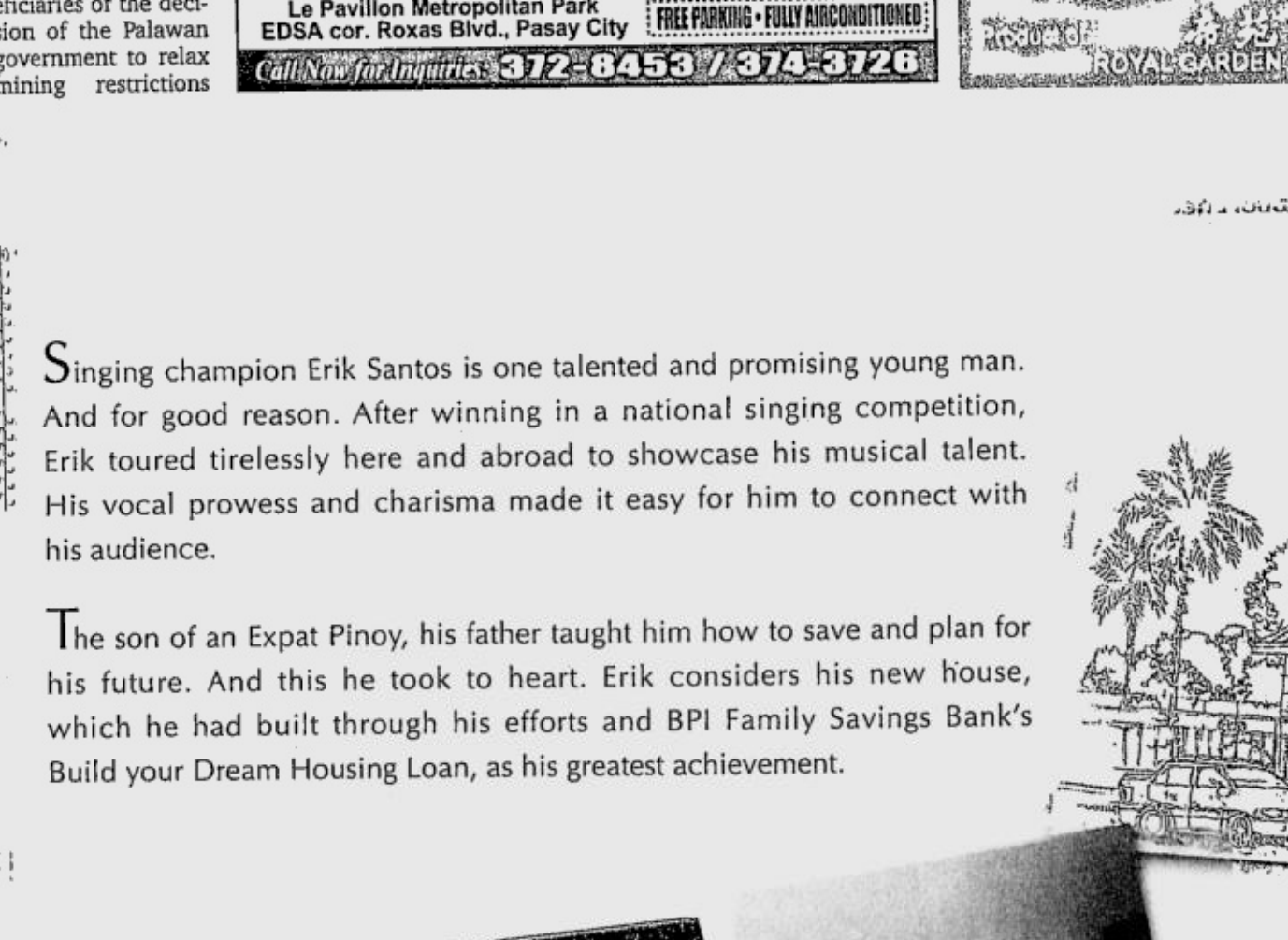


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# Coffee groups focus on special varieties

By Ronnel W. Domingo

LOCAL coffee growers are pushing for increased production of specialty varieties, such as organic coffee, as part of efforts to expand exports.

Coffee experts said yesterday during the monthly Good News Kapihan at the Global Cafe that local coffee production continued to lag at 35,000 metric tons compared to consumption of 55,000 tons in 2004.

Alejandro Mojica, a member of the National Coffee Development Board, said 30,000 tons of coffee produced last year were of the Robusta variety, which is used in making instant coffee.

About 5,000 tons account for other varieties used in gourmet coffee, namely Arabica, Excelsa and Liberica known locally as Barako.

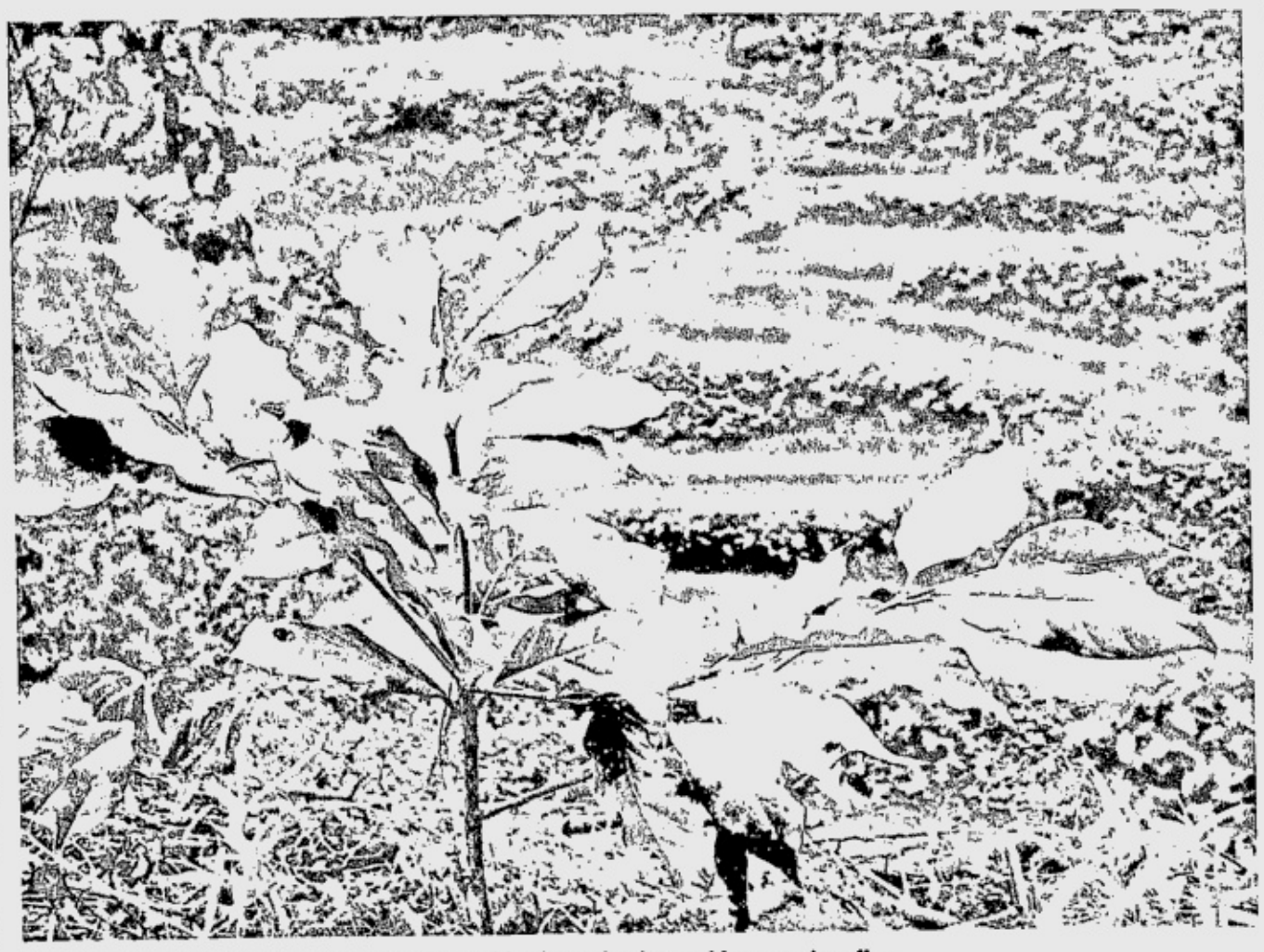
Pacita Juan, director of Figaro Foundation Corp., said that at a consumption growth rate of 3 percent yearly, the local market was outstripping production with demand reaching 55,000 tons in 2004 and an estimated 60,000 tons this year.

Juan said increasing the yield was a challenge both for traditional large-scale growers and small-scale growers who are mostly focused on the specialty varieties.

Aside from that, she said it was necessary to increase efforts in expanding and creating markets here and abroad.

"We cannot (compete) if our approach is on pricing," Juan said. "What we need is to focus on niche markets, such as those of organic coffee."

She said that Figaro Foundation had tapped the German Development Service (DED) for assistance in certifying local produce as organic coffee.



COFFEE farms in Benguet are among those cashing in on the demand for organic coffee.

Christoph Dehn, head of DED's Manila office, said focusing on niche markets was valuable for small farm holders as indications showed that such markets would be growing worldwide.

The biggest coffee markets are the European Union, United States and Japan.

Earlier this month, the Department of Trade and Industry said efforts to tap niche markets as well as favorable prices boosted coffee exports by 124 percent in the first six months.

Data from the DTI's International Coffee Organization Coordinating Agency showed that local exporters shipped out in the first half $3.2 million worth of coffee or 83 percent of the total earnings of $3.83 million worth of coffee exports in 2004.

# Small power users exempt from VAT law

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT will spare some households from the expanded value-added tax on electricity, a move which economic officials said was intended to protect the poor from more price increases.

The Department of Finance said households consuming less than 200 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month will not have to shoulder higher cost of electricity once the VAT is implemented.

Finance Assistant Secretary Gil Beltran said bigger consumers would subsidize the small ones.

Households or businesses consuming 200 to 999 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would have to pay 73 centavos more per kilowatt-hour upon implementation of the VAT law.

Those consuming 100 kilowatt-hour and above, on the other hand, will have to shoulder an 85-centavo increase in electricity rates, he said.

The finance official said the VAT schedule on electricity, approved by the Department of Energy, was agreed upon by the economic team—composed of the DOF, the Department of Trade and Industry, the National Economic and Development Authority and the DOE.

Beltran said the schedule of electricity rate adjustments was one of the measures intended to cushion the impact of the VAT.

Other measures include the reduction of the petroleum tariff from 5 to 3 percent and removal of excise taxes on oil products.

But unlike these two mitigating measures, the exemption of small consumers from VAT on electricity was only an administrative measure and not provided in the VAT law.

The Supreme Court suspended the implementation of the VAT law a few hours after it took effect on July 1.

The tribunal issued the TRO following petitions made by opposition lawmakers and petroleum dealers who questioned the law's constitutionality.

The questioned provisions of the VAT law include the granting of a standby authority to President Macapagal-Arroyo to raise the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent next year, and the capping of input VAT credits.

Although the law was suspended, economic officials have expressed confidence the Supreme Court would soon lift the TRO.

# Transco, CDC to improve power service in Clark

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The National Transmission Corp. (Transco) is building an alternate 69-kilovolt line to provide efficient supply of electricity to almost 400 investors in this economic zone, a top official of the Clark Development Corp. said.

Transco's new power grid would complement an existing line that has serviced this former American air base for 40 years, CDC president and chief executive officer Antonio Ng said earlier this month.

"This definitely is a step toward reducing, if not eliminating, scheduled power interruptions in the zone," Ng said in a letter to Clark locators.

Power outages happen when preventive maintenance is done and the system is shut down for almost two hours. Switching to the new grid would entail only 16 minutes, Ng said.

Transco has scheduled the construction on Aug. 28, where power supply in the economic zone would be cut off from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The project will be undertaken by Transco and the Clark Electric Distribution Corp. (CEDC).

During construction, Transco would replace seven wooden poles with concrete to prevent outage due to grounding, fire and structure instability; and upgrade and transfer the 69 KV metering point.

Transco would also install overhead ground wire to prevent interruptions due to lightning.

Ng said the CDC has pruned tree branches that were responsible for 62 percent of power outage since May.

He said the 26 power interruptions recorded in May have been reduced to seven in June and two last month.

He said they were also working to bring down the cost of power in this economic zone, currently at P6.09 per kilowatt hour.

"We hope to make it the lowest [rate] in Luzon," Ng said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

## MOVEMENT

### PAL names 2 execs to board

STOCKHOLDERS of Philippine Airlines elected Lucio K. Tan Jr. and Michael G. Tan to the flag carrier's board of directors during their annual meeting yesterday.

LUCIO Tan Jr.

MICHAEL Tan

The meeting also saw the re-election of 13 incumbent directors, led by chairman and chief executive officer Lucio C. Tan, vice chairman and treasurer Mariano Tanenglian, and president and chief operating officer Jaime J. Bautista.

Retained as directors were Alexander O. Barrientos, Charles C. Chante, Enrique Cheng (independent), Joseph T. Chua, Patrick L. Go (independent), Estelito P. Mendoza, Cesar N. Santos, Washington Sycip, Harry C. Tan and Henry So Uy.

The new directors, both in their late 30s and sons of the chairman and CEO, take over the seats of Luis Juan L. Virata and John K.M. Pang, respectively, on the 15-man PAL board.

Lucio K. Tan Jr. received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of California at Davis in 1991. He was president and CEO of Macro Asia Corp., a leading provider of support services to the aviation industry, from 1996 to 2003 and is currently a director of the company.

He also holds key management positions in several companies, including chief executive officer of Tanduay Distillers Inc., executive vice president of Fortune Tobacco Corp. and executive vice president of Foremost Farms Inc.

Michael G. Tan likewise holds the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering, major in Structural, from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, where he graduated at the head of his class.

He joined Asia Brewery Inc. as management trainee in 1990 and rose through the ranks to become chief operating officer in 2000, a position he has held since. He also sits on the boards of Allied Bankers Insurance, Air Philippines Corp. and Philippine Airlines Foundation.

# Additional duty on imported used cars barred

THE OLONGAPO City Regional Trial Court has barred Malacañang from imposing an additional specific duty of P500,000 on imported used vehicles, a move aimed at protecting local vehicle assemblers.

In an order dated Aug. 23, Judge Ramon Caguioa granted the petition of Unitrans Subic Ventures Corp. and other used car importers to stop the implementation of Executive Order No. 418.

Issued last April, EO No. 418 slaps the additional specific duty on used vehicle imports on top of existing duties and taxes.

Local vehicle assemblers cheered the EO as it was seen to help curb the proliferation of imported used vehicles which were eating into the already slim local market.

This is a second whammy for Malacañang from the Olongapo RTC as it was also the latter that shot down efforts to ban the importation of used vehicles.

Industry groups such as the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc., which had scored used imports as hampering the market for locally made brand new vehicles, had been campaigning for such measures.

Used imports coming from outside Southeast Asia are currently slapped a 30-percent duty , an excise tax ranging from 2 percent to 60 percent depending on the sticker price and a 10-percent value-added tax imposed on the landed cost.

Experts likened the imposition of additional duty to the practice in Australia, where imported used vehicles are slapped a surcharge of A$12,000 a unit.

Campi has been calling for a more stringent implementation of Republic Act 7394 or the Consumer Act with respect to used vehicle imports.

Lee said that if stricter implementation of the law failed, converted vehicles should be refused entry into the country or, if they were already landed, should be prevented from being auctioned and used on public roads.

Another law, RA No. 8506, expressly bans the registration and operation of vehicles with right-hand drive steering wheels on public and private roads.

Aside from that, Executive Order No.156 bans the importation of all types of used motor vehicles, parts and components except for certain exemptions such as ambulances and fire trucks.

EO 156, however, could not be implemented due to an injunction issued by an Olongapo court at the request of used vehicle importers. Ronnel W. Domingo

# Cocktales

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Already, a Japanese geologist has been dispatched to the hilly site.

According to the grapevine, strip-mining the Berong site has become a profitable prospect, especially now that the price of nickel has shot up to more than $15,000/ton, from only $3,000 just three years ago.

The Berong site is about seven kilometers from the sea, and Monchoy plans to barge and smelt the nickel ore in three seaside furnaces in Misamis Oriental that he also owns.

### Money-go-round

• AND speaking of the Garcias, Chemphil chair Antonio Garcia has rewarded Jaime Y. Gonzales, who presided as president and CEO of Reynolds Philippines until its collapse, with an appointment as the next chief financial officer and treasurer of the equally hard-up Chemphil Group.

• HERSHEY'S has initiated a lawsuit in Florida against its former regional manager, Eduardo Cadiz Jr., after the Filipino executive won a P50-million illegal dismissal suit from the National Labor Relations Commission earlier this year.

Cadiz, a green card holder, now works for another company in South Florida.

### Heard through the grapevine

EXPECT overseas phone call charges to drop from its current 40 US cents a minute, one of the highest in the world, now that the National Telecommunications Commission has ruled that Internet companies—not only telephone companies like PLDT, Globe and Digitel—may also offer phone services.

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GROWING DEMAND

# Virgin coconut oil exports up 268%

By Christine A. Gaylican

PHILIPPINE virgin coconut oil (VCNO) producers exported some 58 metric tons as of May, up 268 percent from the 15.8 metric tons produced during the same period last year, according to the Philippine Coconut Authority.

This translated to a 560-percent increase in export earnings to $369,094 from $56,000 in the first five months of last year.

PCA Deputy Administrator Arturo J. Liquete said in an interview yesterday that the demand for VCNO was steadily increasing with more countries considering it as an alternative food and health supplement.

There are currently 23 VCNO manufacturers in the country, each one following its own product quality standards, said the PCA.

To counter this trend, the PCA has issued interim minimum quality standards for the production of VCNO to improve the products' acceptance in the global market.

"We will soon publish the approved set of standards that would be the basis and working reference for producers and consumers," PCA Administrator Jesus Emmanuel Paras said.

LYN RILLON

A CURIOUS bystander dips his fingers into a fountain of extra virgin coconut oil. The display was put up by one of the participants at the 2005 National Coconut Week 4th National Coconut Festival at SM Megamall.

The proposed creation of Philippine National Standard (PNS) for VCNO will send positive signals to potential market targets that the industry is serious in setting acceptable standards and ensure that industry bad practices are immediately weeded out, Paras said.

"Standardization of procedures is an important step that will assure customers that the Philippines' virgin coconut oil is safe," he added.

The Philippine National Standard for virgin coconut oil is based on a series of public consultations. The parties involved in the process include the Department of Science and Technology, University of the Philippines Los Baños-Biotech, UP Diliman and the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (BAFPS), and members of the Virgin Coconut Oil Producers and Traders Association of the Philippines (Vcopta).

Previously, PCA Deputy Administrator for research, development and extension Carlos Carpio said setting quality standards was critical if the fledgling industry was to reach its potential.

"It is a very promising export industry and realizing the need to come up with quality standards should prevent other manufacturers from taking short cuts in their processes, or even adulterating the product to cut costs," said Carpio.

# Shell to sell ethanol-blended gas

By Abigail L. Ho

NOT TO be outdone by its smaller counterparts, oil refiner Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. is considering selling ethanol-blended gasoline by next year.

Shell chair Edgar Chua said in an interview that the oil firm was now conducting studies on the feasibility of selling ethanol-blended gasoline directly from their pumps.

"Ethanol is a good program. We're already doing our studies, looking at the necessary logistics. If we see that we can do it, we can start selling the product by next year," he told the INQUIRER.

He said ethanol, because of its chemical composition, should be handled more carefully.

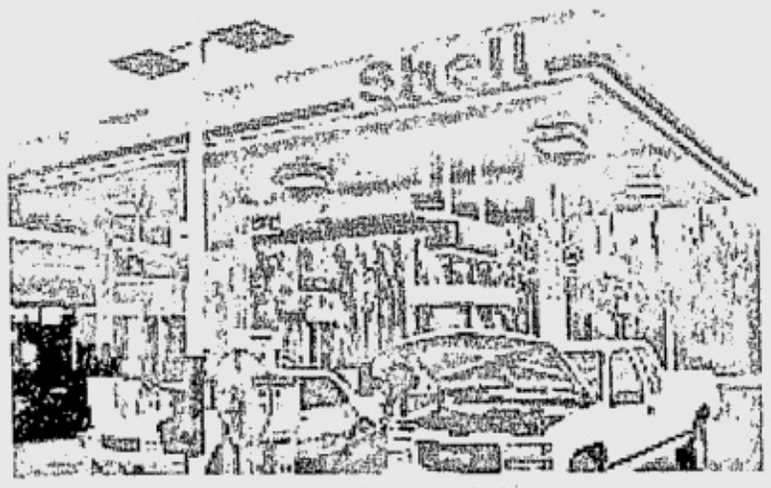
Ethanol required proper handling, he said, particularly if the product would be imported. This could not be placed into contact with water as this could readily absorb water, which could then affect its composition.

Also, ethanol could not be placed in just any ordinary storage tank, he explained, to prevent contact with water or water vapor.

Should Shell start selling ethanol, he said modifications would have to be made on its underground tanks that would be used to store the product and on the pumps that would be used to dispense it.

Also, since there was still no local ethanol supplier, he said Shell would initially have to rely on imported ethanol.

New player Seaoil Petroleum Corp. will start selling gasoline with a 10-percent ethanol blend in 105 service stations nationwide starting next month.



SHELL now studying feasibility of using biofuel

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# DTI to appeal ruling on safeguard measures

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry said it would ask the Supreme Court to reconsider a ruling that prohibited government agencies from implementing safeguard measures.

In a letter to Jose Concepcion Jr., a private sector representative to the Asean Business Advisory Council, Trade Secretary Peter B. Favila said the DTI would also submit to Congress proposed amendments to the Safeguard Measures Act.

Favila said the moves were aimed at upholding and strengthening the authority of the secretaries of trade and of agriculture in deciding with finality whether safeguard duties should be imposed.

Concepcion had called on the government to draw up a coherent policy on the development of the local agricultural and industrial sectors, as governments in Southeast Asia pursue free trade pacts with bilateral and regional partners.

Concepcion said the Supreme Court's July 15 decision was "another proof of this insufficiency."

In a related development, the National Confederation of Labor (NCL) said the two decisions of the Supreme Court concerning the implementation of RA 8800 or the Safeguards Measures Act (SMA) endangered the survival of the agricultural sector, local industries and the workers that depended on them.

The first Supreme Court order nullified the safeguard tariffs imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry on cement, while the second reinstated a Valenzuela regional trial court ruling that barred the government from implementing the law providing for safeguard measures.

NCL national secretary Angelito Mendoza said the SC decisions destroyed the essence of the safeguard measures law, which was to provide protection to ailing industries and to the farm sector. "Of all the safety nets that were promised to us upon our accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), only the Safeguard Measures Act became a reality, and now here comes two SC decisions killing it."

# June imports . . .

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lion), the country's trade gap widened to $653 million during the month, from $460 million a year ago.

The June level brought the first half import figure to $21.524 billion, which was 1.5 percent lower than the $21.844 billion posted in the same period last year. This also resulted in the country's trade deficit hitting $2.13 billion as of the first half which was, however, lower than the gap of $3.06 billion a year earlier.

Imports of electronic parts assembled locally for exports fell 5.7 percent to $1.731 billion in June from a year ago.

This, according to Ravelas, reflected the continued softening of the global demand for electronics. He said the rising prices of oil forced corporate and individual consumers to cut down on other expenses.

Benjamin Diokno, economics professor at the University of the Philippines, said that the 6-percent rise in imports in June was unlikely to translate into higher economic growth because of the oil problem.

He said the growth in imports was still way below the government's target of 8 percent for this year, which was aimed at supporting the goal of posting a gross domestic product growth of at least 5.3 percent this year.

Diokno agreed with the projection by The Economist, which said that the Philippines would likely post a GDP growth this year of only 4.5 percent.

According to the NSO, electronics still accounted for the biggest share of total imports in June, at $1.731 billion.

It was followed by mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials, $649.67 million; transport equipment, $217.11 million; Industrial machinery and equipment, $144.82 million; Iron and steel, $127.59 million, and textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products, $90.16 million.

The biggest sources of the country's imports during the period were Japan, $678.39 million; United States, $654.68 million; Taiwan, $286.52 million; Singapore, $285.73 million; China, $264.07 million; Saudi Arabia, $190.53 million; Republic of Korea, $175.93 million; Hong Kong, $164.47 million; Malaysia, $155.42 million, and Iran, $148.69 million

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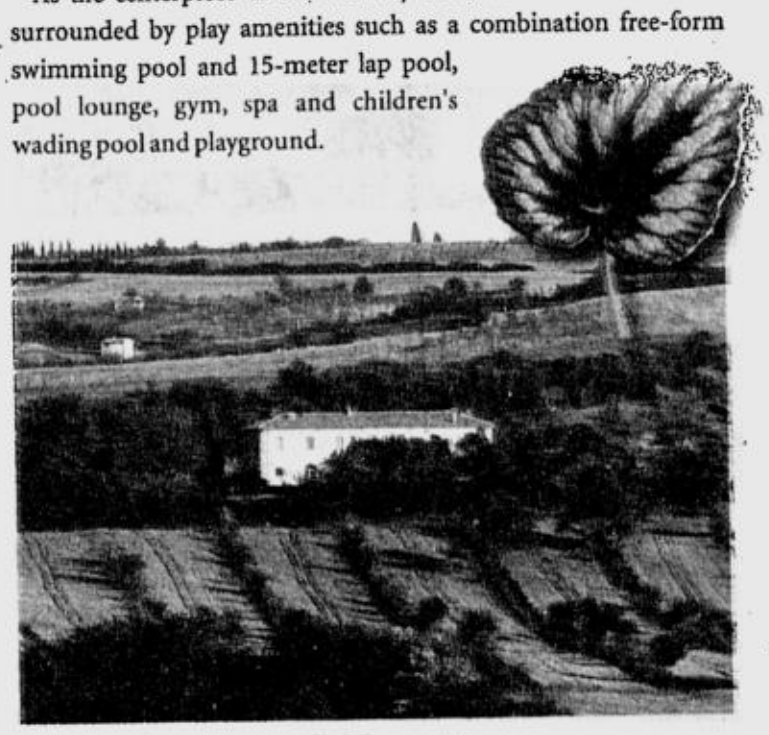
Nestled on a gently sloping hill, McKinley Hill Village is a ravishing tableau of natural pleasures. The community teems with greenery and open spaces, so you can go back to nature in an idyllic location close to the metro's key destinations.

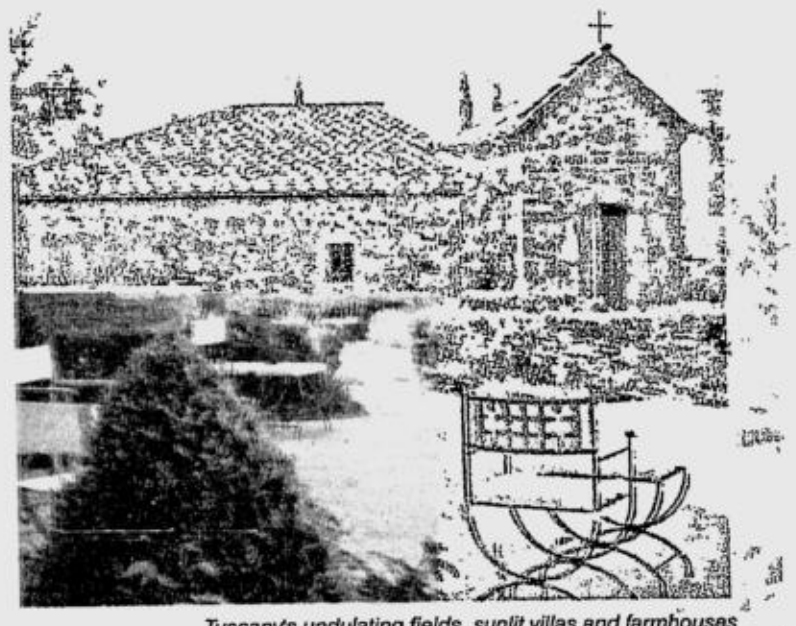
Across the subdivision, lush pocket gardens and a variety of tropical plants abound. Cutting through the sprawling, low-density landscape are tree-lined avenues such as Country Club Circle, Acadia Drive and McKinley Hill Drive. A botanical garden is located just outside the village gates, and a nature park ensconced in the community.

The center of recreational and social activity is the McKinley Hill Village clubhouse. A tribute to the celebrated Tuscan Style, the clubhouse melds the finest architectural influences of the Italian Renaissance. Reminiscent of a pastoral Tuscan villa, it is a sight to behold with its terra-cotta roof, stonework accents, earth-toned facade and floors in textured tile finish. And with its arched doorways, vivid murals and trellised courtyards, it exemplifies the air of beauty and refinement that permeates McKinley Hill Village.

*A part of the Upper McKinley Road adjoining the C-5 Road*

As the centerpiece of the amenity area, the clubhouse will be surrounded by play amenities such as a combination free-form swimming pool and 15-meter lap pool, pool lounge, gym, spa and children's wading pool and playground.





*Tuscany's undulating fields, sunlit villas and farmhouses are the inspiration for the McKinley Hill Village clubhouse*

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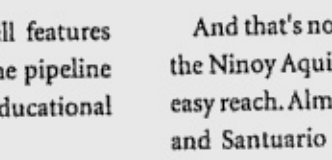
McKinley Hill Village is the first residential phase of the now 50-hectare McKinley Hill, a cutting-edge mixed-use development set to transform Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City into a business district fit for the 21st century. At the head of this groundbreaking effort is trendsetting urban developer Megaworld Corporation, in tandem with the Bases Conversion Development Authority and Alliance Global Group, Inc.

Another ongoing residential project at McKinley Hill features Garden Villas in four-story condominium clusters. In the pipeline is a town center with shops and offices, along with an educational and institutional center.

On top of a nature-centered lifestyle, McKinley Hill counts accessibility and mobility among its distinct advantages. Its main avenue—the two-kilometer, 22-meter-wide Upper McKinley Road—connects to the existing McKinley Road to take residents straight to the Makati central business district. Upper McKinley Road is now virtually complete.



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**LB (Land Bank) Realty Development Corporation**

## INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

All contractors, registered and/or classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) for Buildings and Industrial Plant and preferably with experience in the construction of bank building or projects of identical scope of works and technology, are invited to apply for pre-qualification and to submit their bids for the renovation/construction of LBP BRANCH OFFICE.

| Branch Office | Location | Category |
|---|---|---|
| LBP-KORONADAL | KORONADAL, NORTH COTABATO | MEDIUM |
| LBP-SAN JOSE (MINDORO) | SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL | MEDIUM MINDORO |

Pre-qualification requirements may be obtained from the Purchasing Unit of the Land Bank Realty Development Corporation at 30th flr. LBP Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar corner J. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila. LBRDC reserves the right to change the cost estimates, the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference, submission of bids and date of bidding. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBRDC to invited bidders.

LBRDC likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid and to accept the bid most advantageous to the company.

For further details, please call **Eng'r. Jaime S. Mendoza/Allan G. Redondo/Aries L. Mendoza** at 405-7169/405-7402/405-7135.

(Sgd.) **CHAIRMAN**
Committee on Bids and Awards

(PDI - Aug. 26, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
**NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY**
Regional Office No. V, Legazpi City
Tel. Nos. 480-7085 • Fax No. 480-7900

**INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF USED/SECOND HAND PROPERTIES "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS**

The National Food Authority (NFA), Region V will conduct a public bidding of the following used/second hand properties:

| ITEM DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION | MINIMUM BID PRICE |
|---|---|
| One (1) lot Unserviceable 56 units simplex silos made of trapezoidal GI sheet materials complete with ancillary equipments consists of belt conveyors, steel catwalks, centrifugal fans and elevators located at NFA-Bicol Seeds, Libon, Albay. | P 498,840.00 |

Schedule of Bidding activities are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Submission of Letter of Intent | Aug. 29-Sept. 9, 2005 |
| Issuance of Bid documents | Aug. 29-Sept. 9, 2005 |
| Pre Bidding | Sept. 13, 2005 9:00 AM |
| Bidding Proper<br>Submission of Bid<br>Opening of Bids | Sept. 13, 2005<br>10:30 to 11:00 AM<br>11:00 AM |

Venue for the Pre bidding and opening of Bids shall be at the Conference room, NFA Regional Office, Pier Site, Legazpi City.

Bid documents shall be issued only to interested bidders upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 to RBAC Secretariat not later than September 9, 2005.

Interested Bidders are advised to conduct actual inspection on the used/second hand properties, subject of the aforesaid bidding.

For further inquiries, interested bidders may call or contact the RBAC Secretariat at Tel. Nos. (052) 820-0018; (052) 480-7085; (052) 480-7933.

The NFA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formalities and accept only such bids, or award to the bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to the National Food Authority and/or government.

(Sgd.) **JOSE B. GUEVARA**
RBAC Chairman

(PDI–Aug. 25, 26 & 27, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**
Cebu Maritime Regional Office
Ground Floor Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bldg.,
11th & 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City

**AMPARO SHIPPING CORPORATION,**
**Applicant.**
x----------x
**Case No. CMRO 05-200**
**MV MATAGUMPAY**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requests for approval of Change of Vessel Name from MV Matagumpay to MV Hanako

The application will be heard by this Authority on September 6, 2005 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at MARINA Hearing Room, Ground Flr., Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bldg., Corner 11th & 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City at which herein applicant shall present his/her/its evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-trial conference shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Practice Institution Summary Procedures under MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 74-A.

At least TEN (10) DAYS prior to the date of hearing, the applicant shall this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of regional circulation in the Philippines and serve by registered mail with return slip or personal delivery copy of the application and of this Notice of Hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be proper under the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his/her/its right to be heard and the Board will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

**WITNESS**, the Honorable Administrator, **MR. VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.**, this 20th day of July 2005.

(Sgd.) **GLENN G. CABANEZ**
Regional Director

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***Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid***

Republic of the Philippines

**CONSTRUCTION OF SSS SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING**

***Two (2) Storey reinforced concrete office building with one (1) storey reinforced concrete service building***

1. The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, through the *2005 Approved Budget for Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) – Building Construction* intends to apply the sum of *Twenty Three Million Eight Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and 91/100 Only (P23,876,369.91)* being the Approved Budget for Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for *Building Construction*. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential bidders to apply for eligibility for *the construction of two (2) storey reinforced concrete office building with one (1) storey service building*. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested Bidders must submit their LOIs on or before September 07, 2005, up to 5:00 p.m. at *Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, 6th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City* and secure the Eligibility documents therefrom. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated in a "pass/fail" basis. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on the date of the opening of Eligibility Documents: September 23, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at *the Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City*. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted unless otherwise stated to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from eligible Bidders will be opened. In accordance with IRR-A of R.A. 9184 a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.
4. Interested Bidders shall submit their accomplished Eligibility Documents at the Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, on September 23, 2005 2:00 p.m. The documents required in the Eligibility Documents shall be submitted as part of the Technical Documents of the Bidders as provided in the Instruction to Bidders.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2005.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee *Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)*. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before October 03, 2005 up to 5:00 p.m.
7. The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM will hold Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on *October 07, 2005, 2:00 p.m.* at the following address: Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.
8. Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the Green Room, 12th Floor, SSS Main Building on *October 28, 2005, 2:00 p.m.* All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of *Cash or Manager's/Cashier's check payable to the Social Security System* and in an amount of *Php 238,763.70* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on October 28, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the Green Room, 12th floor, SSS Main Building, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the aforementioned address on October 28, 2005, 2:00 p.m.
9. Eligible bidders must be updated in the payment of its SSS and Tax Obligation by submitting SSS and Tax Clearance as part of eligibility requirements.
10. Completion of the works is required by *180 calendar days from receipt of Notice of Award issued by SSS. BAC or from receipt of Notice to Proceed issued by Branch Support Services (BSS), whichever comes first.*
11. The *SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

**Bids and Awards Committee**
**The Secretariat**
6th Floor, SSS Main Building
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. # 922-2981, 924-7380, 920-6401 local 5491
Email: bac@sss.gov.ph
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**THE CHAIRMAN**
**BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE**

(PDI–Aug. 26, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
**CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT-METRO MANILA**
Acacia Lane, Welfareville Compound, Mandaluyong City
Bagong Sigla

**Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and To Bid Procurement of Various Goods**

The Center for Health Development-Metro Manila (CHD-MM), through the GOP funds – CY 2005 intends to apply the sum of the following goods being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The CHD-MM now invites sealed Bids, from eligible Bidders for the procurement of various goods Delivery of the GOODS is required by end of November 2005. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Table 1

| IAEB No. | GOODS | ABC | Bid Document Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2005-0001 | One (1) Mobile Clinic | P6,500,000.00 | P10,000.00 |
| 2005-0002 | Environmental Supplies | 15,500,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 2005-0003 | Seven Hundred (700) AFB Staining Kit | 3,100,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 2005-0004 | Security Services | 2,400,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 2005-0005 | Internet Service Provider | 300,000.00 | 1,500.00 |

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualifications stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Supply Section (c/o Ms. Zenaida B. Reyes at tel. no. 535-4542) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee from August 29, 2005 – September 9, 2005. The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CHD-MM will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on September 14, 2005 (10:00 am) at the CHD-MM Amphitheatre, Acacia Lane Welfareville Compound, Mandaluyong City.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address stated below on or before the date and time stated in Table 2. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form stated in ITB Clause 22.1 of Bid Data Sheet. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be at the CHD-MM Amphitheatre on time and date stated in Table 2. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

Table 2

| IAEB No. | Submission of Bids & Eligibility Requirements (Time & Date) | Bid Opening (Time & Date) |
|---|---|---|
| 2005-0001 | 1:00 pm September 26, 2005 | 1:05 pm September 26, 2005 |
| 2005-0002 | 9:00 am September 27, 2005 | 9:05 am September 27, 2005 |
| 2005-0003 | 9:00 am September 28, 2005 | 9:05 am September 28, 2005 |
| 2005-0004 | 9:00 am September 29, 2005 | 9:05 am September 29, 2005 |
| 2005-0005 | 9:00 am September 30, 2005 | 9:05 am September 30, 2005 |

The CHD-MM reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

**CENTER FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT-METRO MANILA**
**DR. RUBEN S. SIAPNO**
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(Sgd.) **RUBEN S. SIAPNO, MD, MPH**
Chairman
Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI–Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
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**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**
Cebu Maritime Regional Office
Ground Floor Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bldg.,
11th & 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City

**AMPARO SHIPPING CORPORATION,**
**Applicant.**
x----------x
**Case No. CMRO 05-201**
**MV ROYAL ALAN**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Applicant requests for change of vessel's name from MV Royal Alan to MV OCEAN QUEEN.

The application will be heard by this Authority on September 6, 2005 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at MARINA Hearing Room, Ground Flr., Cebu Chamber of Commerce & Industry Bldg., Corner 11th & 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City at which herein applicant shall present his/her/its evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-trial conference shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Practice Instituting Summary Procedures under MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 74-A.

At least TEN (10) DAYS prior to the date of hearing, the applicant shall publish this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of regional circulation in the Philippines and serve by registered mail with return slip or personal delivery copy of the application and of this Notice of Hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be proper under the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his/her/its right to be heard and the Board will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

**WITNESS**, the Honorable Administrator, **MR. VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.**, this 23rd day of August 2005.

(Sgd.) **GLENN G. CABANEZ**
Regional Director

(PDI–Aug. 26, 2005)

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## Notice to All Concerned

1. This pertains to the Department's CY 2005 procurement program to provide supplementary, reference, and computer-assisted instructional materials in English, Filipino, Math, Science and Technology, and Makabayan for public high schools in the twenty-seven (27) provinces under the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP).
2. Interested parties are enjoined to submit for initial screening five (5) off-the-shelf copies of their supplementary materials, two (2) copies of their general reference materials, and two (2) compact disks of computer-assisted instructional (CAI) materials, together with their accompanying literature and a duly accomplished Publishers/Supplier's Submission Form to the duly authorized SEDIP and Instructional Materials Council Secretariat (IMCS) staff at the SEDIP Conference Room, 3rd Floor Bonifacio Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City starting **September 5** until **September 9, 2005** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only.
3. These supplementary materials are to be used for reinforcement, enrichment, and mastery of learning, should provide useful information on selected topics, and must be appropriate for high school students. Submissions shall either be in print or non-print (e.g., CAI materials, multimedia packages, etc.) form and should facilitate the teaching and/or learning of specific concepts, skills, and values in the indicated subject areas below.
   - 3.1 Preferred supplementary materials in English and Filipino are those that support the Basic Education Curriculum (BEC): focusing on content-based instruction approach and utilizing Science and Technology topics (for materials written in English) and topics in Araling Panlipunan (for materials written in Filipino).
   - 3.2 In Makabayan, preferred supplementary materials are those that aid in integrating the learning components of Araling Panlipunan (AP), Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE), and Values Education.
   - 3.3 Library collections for Philippine history, geography, arts, music, and physical education will also be given priority in this procurement initiative.
   - 3.4 Please be advised that the following instructional materials are not considered for this procurement initiative:
     - Print materials in the form of textbooks, teacher's manuals, teacher's study or lesson guides, skill books, workbooks, modules, reviewers, etc.
     - Non-print materials in the form of video tapes, audio-cassette tapes, films, transparencies, audio-visual aids, objects and specimens (or realia), models and mock-ups (globes, dolls, etc.), dioramas, pictures (drawings, sketches, illustrations, photographs, paintings), posters, graphs, charts and diagrams (maps), flashcards, cartoons, comic strips, chalkboards, bulletin boards, sand tables, tack/flannel/magnetic/electronic boards, aquarium, terrarium, etc.
4. Only supplementary materials that will be recommended following the DepEd content evaluation process may be considered for procurement under SEDIP.
5. Guidelines for the Provision of Supplementary, Reference, and Library Materials under SEDIP will be available at the Instructional Materials Council Secretariat starting **August 17, 2005.**
6. For the information and guidance of all concerned.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary

(PDI–Aug. 19 & 26, 2005)

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August 15, 2005

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID**

The Department of Education, Regional Office III through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites interested bidders / suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Project: **Supply and Delivery of Continuous Forms**

Description

| No. | Specification | Quantity | Unit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 14 7/8 x 11 Bond Paper Sub 18 Long 5 ply with carbon and gray lines 250 sets/box | 800 | boxes |
| 2 | 9 ½ x 11 Bond Paper Sub 18 short 2 ply with carbon and gray lines 450 sets/box | 1,000 | boxes |
| 3 | 9 ½ x 11 Bond Paper Sub 18 short 5 ply with carbon and gray lines 450 sets/box | 1,000 | boxes |

Location : DepEd Regional Office III, Malimpis, City of San Fernando (P)
Allocation : P 3,308,000.00
Delivery Period : 30 days

The bidding will be conducted through an open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass / fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A 9184 known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Submission of Eligibility Requirements will be on or before September 12, 2005 at the Supply Unit, Department of Education, Regional Office III.

Bid Documents will be available for issuance to bidders or to his / her authorized representative on September 15 and 16, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable amount of One Thousand Pesos to the DepEd Cashier.

Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the DepEd RO III, Conference Hall on September 20, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

The Submission of Eligibility Statements and Price Proposals is Schedules on October 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Supply Unit Room, DepEd Regional Office III, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Opening of Bids will follow immediately. Bids of ineligible bidders shall be returned unopened.

The DepEd Regional Office III reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) **RICARDO T. SIBUG**
Director III
RPBAC Chairman

(PDI - Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, 2005)

*Republic of the Philippines*
**COMMISSION ON AUDIT**
Regional Office No. IX
Cabatangan Hills, Zamboanga City

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Commission on Audit (COA), Regional Office No. 9, Zamboanga City, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites duly licensed suppliers/bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the bidding of the hereunder project:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of Project | *OFFICE SERVICE VEHICLE* |
| Location | *Zamboanga City* |
| Brief Description | Procurement of Five (5) units Asian Utility Vehicle (AUV) for COA Regional Office No. 9, Zamboanga City |
| Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) | *P4,000,000.00* |
| Delivery Period | within 30 calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order |

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be in accordance with the provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| BAC Activities | Schedule |
|---|---|
| 1. Issuance of Bid Documents | August 31, 2005 |
| 2. Pre-Bid Conference | September 7, 2005, 9am |
| 3. Receipt and Opening of Bids | September 19, 2005, 9am |
| 4. Bid Evaluation | September 19, 2005 |
| 5. Post-qualification | September 19, 2005, 1:30pm |

Bid Documents may be obtained from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)**.

Commission on Audit assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) **FERMO T. AVILA**
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – Aug. 26 & 30, 2005)

## Announcement of Intention to Make a Tender Offer for Shares of APEX MINING CO., INC.

Please be informed that Mapula Creek Gold Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, and Crew Gold Corporation, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Yukon Territory of Canada, intend to make a render offer for One Hundred Thirteen Million Three Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred (113,352,800) Class "A" Shares and Ninety-One Million Three Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six (91,394,436) Class "B" Shares, respectively, the aggregate of which is equivalent to approximately Twenty-Seven and 13/100 percent (27.13)%, of the total outstanding capital stock of Apex Mining Co., Ind., for a cash price of Sixty-Seven and 24/100 centavos (Php0.6723) per share. As of 24 August 2005, the total outstanding capital stock of Apex consists of Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Three (754,713,703) shares, divided into Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Million Nine Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen (458,981,818) Class "A" Shares and Two Hundred Ninety-Five Seven Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five (295,731,885) Class "B" Shares.

The Terms of the Tender Offer shall be published prior to the commencement of the Tender Offer.

This notice is published is compliance with Section 19 of the Securities Regulation Code.

For: **Mapula Creek Gold Corporation and Crew Gold Corporation**

(Sgd.) **Atty. Leo Cleto A. Gamolo**
Chairman and President - Mapula Creek Gold Corporation
Authorized Representative - Crew Gold Corporation

(PDI–Aug. 26, 2005)

## NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY

Regional Office 6, Jaro, Iloilo City

Standard Form Number: SF-GOOD-05
Revised on July 28, 2004

*RO5-2005-002*
*Supply of Trucking/Hauling Services, Iloilo*

# INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The ***NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, Region 6***, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites Trucker/Hauler owners/operators/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : Supply of Trucking/Hauling Services
Location : Iloilo
Brief Description : Trucking/Hauling of Iron Fortified Rice (IFR) for the following volume and specific routes:

A. From Loboc Port, Iloilo City to NFA warehouse

| Lot No. | Receiving Warehouse | Volume (bags) | Minimum Trucking Reqmt. (No.) | Minimum Load/Cap. Reqmt. | Rate/bag | ABC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kabsaka Whse, Jaro, Iloilo City | 274,500 | 18 | 6,400 | P3.72 | P1,021,140.00 |

B. From Kabsaka Warehouse to different provinces of Panay:

| Lot No. | Receiving Warehouse/ Destination | Volume (bags) | Min. No. Trucking Reqmt. (No.) | Minimum Load/Capacity Reqmt. | Rate/bag | ABC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | GID Whse., Banga, Aklan | 3,500 | 2 | 700 | P28.13 | P98,445.00 |
| 3 | Camp Fullon Whse, San Jose, Antique | 5,500 | 2 | 700 | P19.42 | P106,810.00 |
| 4 | Bolo Whse., Roxas City, Capiz | 8,000 | 4 | 1,400 | P20.93 | P167,440.00 |

C. From Kabsaka Warehouse, Jaro, Iloilo City to Iloilo City Port for Dispersal to Bacolod City, Negros Occidental and different port destination of Region 8.

| Lot No. | Receiving Warehouse | Volume (bags) | Minimum Trucking Reqmt/ Contract | Minimum Load/Cap. Reqmt./ Contract | Rate/bag | ABC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Kabsaka to Iloilo City Port | 235,500 | | | P3.72 | P876,060.00 |
| | Breakdown of Destination: | | | | | |
| | Bacolod City, Negros Occ. | 38,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | Tacloban, N. Leyte | 58,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | Maasin, S. Leyte | 18,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | Naval, Biliran | 12,500 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | Catbalogan, W. Samar | 29,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | San Jose, N. Samar | 41,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |
| | Guiuan, E. Samar | 39,000 | 6 | 2,400 | | |

Contract Duration : September-October, 2005
Delivery Period : September-October, 2005

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last 2 years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding, and have key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under purchase) available for the prosecution of the project. The list of minimum equipment requirement is indicated in the Eligibility Forms. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be in governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| Activities | Address | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Issuance of Bid Documents | Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City | Aug. 26 Sept. 2, 2005 | 8:00 am-5:00 pm |
| 2. Pre-bid Conference | Conference room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City | Sept. 5, 2005 | 9:00 am |
| 3. Deadline for Submission & Receipt of Eligibility Requirements & Bid Documents | Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City | Sept. 20, 2005 | 9:00 am |
| 4. Opening of Bids | Conference Room, 2/F National Food Authority, Jaro, Iloilo City | Sept. 20, 2005 | 9:30am |
| 5. Bid Evaluation | | Sept. 21, 2005 | |
| 6. Post-Qualification | | Sept. 22, 2005 | |
| 7. Notice of Award | | Sept. 23, 2005 | |

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non refundable amount of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) to the National Food Authority Cashier.

The National Food Authority, Region 6 assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The ***National Food Authority, Region 6*** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

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### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO RE-BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

**RENTAL OF TWO (2) UNITS AIRCON SHUTTLE BUS FOR MINDANAO GEOTHERMAL PRODUCTION FIELD**
**EDC05-106-1**

The Approved Budget is PhP 8,462,400.00 chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is 2 years.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o B.F. Salvador) starting **August 25, 2005** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: One Thousand (Php 1,000.00).

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **September 2, 2005, 8:30 a.m.** at PNOC-EDC Davao Logistics Office, Airport Road, Sasa, Davao City.

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor Building 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, **not later than 2:00 p.m. on September 16, 2005** and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

BAC CHAIRMAN

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### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO RE-BID

PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC EC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and submit sealed bids for the **HAULING OF COAL AND OTHER BULK CARGO FROM BATANGAS COAL TERMINAL TO VARIOUS CUSTOMERS (BT04-1257 R2)**. The contract duration is One (1) Year.

The approved budget for this contract is Php101,490,000.00 chargeable against PNOC EC funds.

Eligibility and Bid Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Contracts Assistant (c/o Mr. George N. Alejandro) starting **August 22, 2005** upon payment of non-refundable fee of PESOS: One Thousand Five Hundred (PHP1,500.00).

Eligibility of prospective bidders to participate will be based on compliance to eligibility requirements, using pass/fail non-discretionary criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations-A (IRR-A) of RA 9184, The Government Procurement Reform Act. Only those Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check shall be opened and to be awarded to the Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bid, provided that the concerned Bidder shall pass the post-qualification process.

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **September 6, 2005, 2:00 p.m.** at the PNOC EC Head Office, Bldg. 1, Energy Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

The Eligibility Requirements and the Bid Documents, composed of two (2) sealed envelope, the first envelope containing the Technical Bid and the second envelope containing the Financial Bid shall be submitted in two (2) sets each to the Bids and Awards Committee not later than **3:00 p.m. of September 19, 2005** at the PNOC EC Conference Room, located at the above address and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter. **Late Bids shall not be accepted.**

PNOC EC assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expense in the preparation of the bid. Moreover, PNOC EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any formality in the bid requirements, declare the bidding a failure, or award the contract to the bidder whose offer is the most responsive, lowest calculated bid, and most advantageous to the government.

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### INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on September 7, 2005 10:00 a.m., 6th Floor, PSM Conference Room of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City for the following on CASH BASIS.

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| | Title | Area |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | TCT No. T-21710 | 10 sq.m. |
| 2. | TCT No. T-21711 | 446 sq.m. |
| 3. | TCT No. T-21712 | 89 sq.m. |
| 4. | TCT No. T-21713 | 297 sq.m. |

Minimum selling price is P109,460,000.00.

**BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:**

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the Property and Security Management (PSM), Property Disposal Committee **(Attention: AVP Seldo F. Ubungen)**, Ground Floor, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences.

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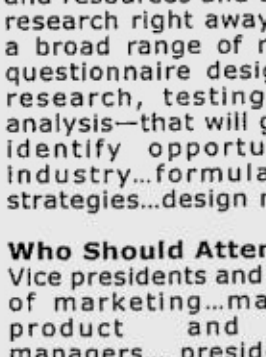

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**January 7, 1941 - August 26, 2003**

***Holy Masses will be offered on Friday, 26th of August 2005 in the following:***

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| • Santuario de San Antonio | Forbes Park, Makati City | 6:15 am, 7:30 am , 12:15 pm, 6:00pm |
| • Sto. Niño de Paz | Greenbelt Chapel | 7:15am |
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| • Days Hotel Head Office | Rufino Bldg., Makati City | 10:00 am |
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## JUANITO "JOHNNY" G. TUASON SR.

**Of San Miguel, Bulacan**

*has joined his Creator on August 24, 2005 at the age of 61.*

His bereaved wife **Lita**; children **John, Jun** and **Karen, Sierra** and **Ryan**; grandchildren **Karylle** and **Kamylle, Jef, Sean** and **Dylan**; sister **Norma** (†) brother **Celso**, nieces, relatives, in-laws and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

His body will be transferred to San Miguel, Bulacan on Saturday, August 27 at 8:00 a.m. Interment will be on Wednesday, August 31, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Saint Michael Parish Church.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd, There is nothing I shall want." Ps-23*

## GAUDENCIO "BOY" S. AQUINO

Of Sta Lucia, Ilocos Sur

*Peacefully joined our Lord on August 24, 2005 at the age of 65.*

His loving family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, August 28, 2005 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

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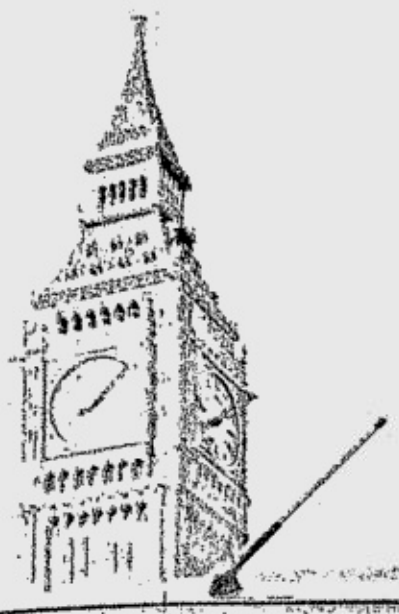

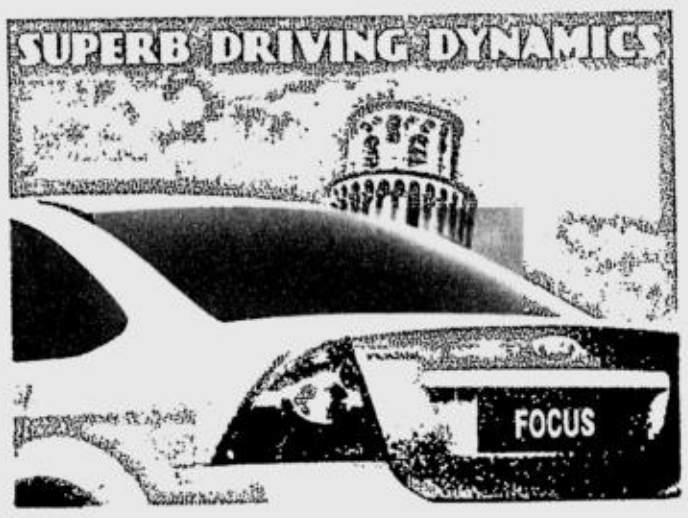


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# Bird flies to RP and tells people right way to sell

MANY of those who go into advertising know nothing about advertising, says Bird.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

WHEN direct marketing guru Drayton Bird was a teenager, he visited to his grandfather, who was in his 70s yet still a salesman of office furniture.

Bird asked him: "How do you sell office furniture?'

The grandfather answered: "Let me sell you this desk."

He made his pitch to Bird and convinced his grandson that he needed the desk.

It was then he realized just how powerful words can be.

This power he now explains to others.

Bird, reputed to be partly responsible for London's victory in its bid for the 2010 Olympics, was in Manila recently to give a one-day talk on direct marketing.

During an interview at the INQPulse forum sponsored by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Bird made a bold statement: "Many of those who go into advertising know nothing about advertising.

"And those who hire these people know nothing, too. It's literally a case of the blind leading the blind."

He added that "this is not peculiar to advertising" but "most people do not know enough about advertising."

Bird's statements come from nearly half a century of experience in the industry, largely focused on direct marketing, thus he has been called the direct marketing guru.

"I read every book on the subject, but when I started working, I realized nobody else did that," Bird said as he called his start in the business.

Over the years he realized that even clients did not know much about advertising.

"Decisions are made whether the client liked the ad or not. And this is not just true here but anywhere," he said.

Bird said there were two reasons for this—most people do not measure the results of advertising and most people know nothing about advertising.

On local advertising, he said: "It is characterized by an extraordinary variety of competence. Some advertising are competent while some are appalling. You have lots of advertising with big corporate names at the top. The sense of art direction is often lacking. I think the country's advertising should reflect its culture."

"The Philippines is a vibrant, highly emotional culture. It reminds me of India and Brazil," he added.

But he was optimistic that the Philippines would be able to produce better ads soon—like Brazil and India.

What then, to him, are the prerequisites for going into advertising?

"Great interest in people, analytical mind, and as David Ogilvy described as the secret of (advertising) success—charm. People have to like you. And to make people like you, it is easier if you like people."

"Also, you have to be extremely curious and very very hardworking."

Bird, who turned 69 last Monday, quit his Modern Languages course at Manchester College in the '50s. He went into trade journalism because he liked to write. Unfortunately, he learned early on that there was no money in journalism, so he shifted to copywriting and was quite successful.

"I spent years just writing for anybody. I wrote parts of books, speeches, presentations . . . My first book was a novel. I was in my 20s," he recalled.

His mother came from a wealthy cotton growing family that lost its fortune.

His father, like his father before him, was a salesman.

His parents set up a pub with a restaurant in the '50s. He said it was the first time that there was a restaurant that wanted better food. In landed in the Good Food Guide after just one year of operations.

He said diners arrived in the restaurant as early as 3 a.m. and his mother pleasantly asked them what they wanted to eat. It was a style and a quality of service not seen during those days. The restaurant successfully operated for 14 years.

From a successful stint as a copywriter in the late '50s and '60s, Bird dabbled in entrepreneurship.

He set up a newsletter, a mail order music course business, an exhibition outfit and a franchising business.

"But the firms went broke and they lost a total of one million pounds (some P100 million," he said.

That was in the '70s and Bird went back to advertising.

He eventually joined David Ogilvy, the advertising legend at the Ogilvy and Mather advertising agency. Bird later on became creative director and close friend of Ogilvy.

Bird's success list in advertising is long.

But to him, the best compliments come from people he does not even know.

He talks of a British businessman who went up to him and thanked him.

That man, whose businesses are worth about 200 million pounds, told him that over the past 17 years, all he did to run his business was read what Bird wrote—his books , his articles—and implement them.

Today, Bird, through his The Drayton Bird Partnership, maintains a free 457-page website which answers 276 common marketing questions with 52 short case histories and over 65 articles.

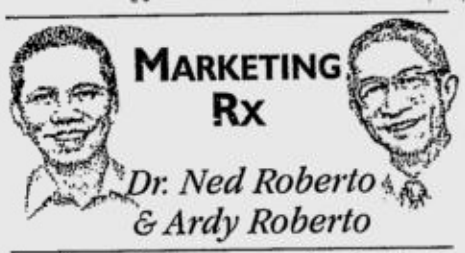
The site (www.draytonbird.com) is accessed by people all over the world.

Why does he give away his secrets? To put it simply, he just wants to help.

Over the past decades, Bird has not only hired people from all over the world; he has done hundreds of training, sharing his knowledge and giving free advice.

"Maybe I just love telling people what to do!" he said.

# Que sera, sera—questions that marketers ask




*Part 1*

**Q: HOW DO you battle against negative word of mouth? Especially when customers and competitors are bad-mouthing you.**

A: Do your homework first. Find out if there is a legitimate basis for what you consider as "bad mouthing" from "customers and competitors." Skip falling into the denial trap. Then, if you find out it's all false, come out with the objective evidence. A classic case was in the '80's when the rumor went around (which was started by a fast food competitor who confessed to the Junior MarketingRx on the condition of anonymity-and it's not McDo mind you!) that the Jollibee burger patty was made of worm protein (or mixed with mealworms as fillers to cut down on costs). Jollibee was thus bad-mouthed as "wormburger." Jollibee, as the story goes, validated and made sure that their suppliers were supplying patties made of 100 percent beef. They featured this in their ads and invited consumers to confirm this with their own mouths and taste buds. The rumor eventually died. Case closed.

In the US, McDonald's and other fastfood chains, like Taco Bell, which uses ground beef as a main ingredient in its menu, were the object of these "urban legends." But fastfoods would be the first NOT to use mealworms as beef substitutes since earthworms are actually more expensive than beef. In the US, these cost about $15 per pound. In the UK, a gourmet shop sells mealworms (as a protein substitute perhaps) for $9 per pound. Perhaps, all those earthworm eating-Fear-Factor contestants have had an influence after all!)

Don't believe it? Check out http://urbanlegends.about.com/od/food-drink/a/wormburgers.htm

Q: How do I go about your prescribed strategic marketing by Segmenting-Targetting-Positioning (STPing) if I just own a small souvenir store in Tagaytay?

A: Note well that you are in the retail store business. You are therefore in service marketing. And in retail service marketing, your market is defined by the location where your souvenir store resides. This is in one small corner of one of many streets in the City of Tagaytay. So your market is made up of commuters and pedestrians. Look at your sales history, and estimate your sales split between commuters versus pedestrians. Where's the larger percent of sales coming from? Next, profile your two segments in terms of at least: (1) market size (remembering that market size is not equal to population size only but equals segment population size multiplied by shopping frequency multiplied by average peso size of shopping), (2) segment priority service values, and (3) segment satisfaction versus dissatisfaction of those priority values. The segment that scores higher in all these three profilers becomes your PTM (primary target market) segment. Positioning is defined in the profiling process: the priority service value that is not satisfied or only inadequately satisfied by competition but which your souvenir store service can.

Q: Why do you think a big company like Jollibee and McDonald's did not succeed in taking the flavored fries out of Potato Corner with McShaker and Shaker Fries? What are the lessons here?

A: We suspect that the marketer asking is most likely the Potato Corner executive or owner, wishing to congratulate himself or herself for Jollibee's and McDonald's "failure." It's of course doubtful if the big J and the big M were seriously bothered by this "success" of Potato Corner. Fries are as yet "too small" a category for a multinational QSR (Quick Service Restaurant) to consider as a priority investment. So it's more insightful to ask how Potato Corner succeeded. That's best answered by the Potato Corner people. But one clear lesson in its success is its single-minded application of marketing basics like having a focus (flavored fries), owning the category by its branding and potato lines, and locating its kiosks where pedestrian consumers are most predisposed to impulse eat.

Q: To effectively compete against generics, your prescription was to come up with a flanking brand. How come the multi-

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# Filipinos have yet to buy their own

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THE APPRECIATION for Philippine-made products has yet to reach the native soil.

Local products are certainly creating waves abroad because of their ingenuity and creativity, but here Filipinos have yet to patronize their own.

The organizers of the 7th Buy Pinoy Exporters Fair believe the problem lies in the lack of exposure and access of Filipinos to their own products.

"We're correcting that injustice," says lawyer Virgilio Sanchez, whose group organized the 7th Buy Pinoy movement held from Aug. 4 to 7 at the Megatrade Hall 1 in SM Megamall.

Sanchez, a trustee of Holiday Decors and Giftwares sector under Philippine Exporters Confederation Inc. (Philexport), hopes that the twice-a-year fair will give Filipinos an access to world-class Philippine products "which usually and normally only buyers from other countries are able to enjoy."

VIRGILIO Sanchez of Holiday Decors and Giftwares

"The second philosophy of the Buy Pinoy movement is to promote patriotism. If you buy items made by Filipinos you help generate jobs, employment and livelihood," he adds.

If it's any indication of a positive feedback, Sanchez says more than 30,000 people visited the 7th Buy Pinoy exhibit including President Macapagal-Arroyo, a record high compared to the previous Buy Pinoy fairs. He notes 104 companies joined the exhibit. Sales of P4.5 million during the event were recorded, according to Sanchez.

"Another P2 million in sales is expected within the next 60 days," he adds.

Philexport launched the trade fair in August 2002 to support, encourage and expose the Philippine SMEs to exports, especially those based outside Metro Manila.

The trade fair features raw materials and products of every region. The 7th Buy Pinoy exhibit showcased the products of Region 8 or the Eastern Visayas such as sinamay, coco and shell and indigenous food.

The INQUIRER talked to three participants of the show:

## AJ's Arts and Crafts Industries

Being one of the top sellers in the fair, Alexander Luzano, general manager, says the secret to a successful venture is the unwavering faith on the product and willingness to take the risks.

He points out that participating in the 7th Buy Pinoy trade show did not only help the growth of the company but was also a way of showing to fellow Filipinos that there are locally made products that they can be proud of.

Luzano manufactures lampshades with fossilized leaves. What makes his lampshades unique from the traditional desk lamps is his products are designed in such a way that they also serve another purpose than providing light. A box-like stand provides storage space.

"Our main concept is that anything you would like to sell to the client should always be multifunctional. Uniqueness of the products comes first," Luzano says.

His wife, who designs the lampshades, came out with this idea in 2003. Luzano is in charge of the production and the assembly. They started making crafts and candles in 1994 up to 2000 before concentrating on lampshades.

LAMPSHADE with fossilized leaves and drawer

Luzano employs 15 people. Making one lampshade is a tedious job, Luzano says. Processing of the leaves alone takes two to three months.

"Our products highly involve the hands. *Pag hand-made kasi mas mataas ang* appreciation *ng* clients," says Luzano.

ALEXANDER Luzano of AJ's Arts and Crafts Industries

When he joined the Buy Pinoy fair, Luzano says the utmost priority was to regain the faith of Filipinos on their own products.

"We practically help our country in terms of revenues, local jobs and creating an awareness that we have products we can be proud of," he says.

Luzano notes that so far the Buy Pinoy movement was the best of all fairs that he has participated into. He says most of his buyers are Filipinos while five percent are foreign clients.

## Giga Ventures

Before venturing to soap business, Rowena Joyce de Villa and her husband Peping were into garments for 13 years. The fierce competition from imported and smuggled goods forced them to shift to soaps and natural and organic products in 1999.

As early as 1993, De Villa was exposed to alternative natural therapy when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. The De Villas also decided to make use of natural and organic materials in their products to be able to compete against multinational companies.

Giga produces soaps made from fresh coconut oil or olive oils mixed with extracts and essential oils. Currently, Giga has 50 different product lines using natural and organic materials. These include aroma therapy soaps, shampoos, body sprays, oil lotions, insect repellants and pet colognes. Some materials used in the production are usually imported such as olive oils, seaweed extracts and other essential oils.

ROWENA Joyce de Villa of GIGA Ventures

The coconut, sampaguita and ilang-ilang oils are bought here.

Employing five people, De Villa says Giga's maximum production is 680 soaps a day in one shift at its factory in Pasig City.

"We produce so much soap then we stop and then we start producing (other products) in bulk then we stop," De Villa says.

They also do their own research on what essential oils to use to make the products do their jobs.

When a large volume order is made, De Villa says they usually subcontract the wrapping. The De Villas enlist the help of cause-oriented groups to do it like the hearing-impaired group or an organization that gives alternative livelihood to prostitutes.

"Giga stands for God is good! Always! We're not here just to bless ourselves but also to spread the goodness of God. It's part of our mission," says de Villa.

Giga has started joining bazaars to expose its products to the buyers. In the 7th Buy Pinoy fair, De Villa says Giga recorded sales worth P58,000 in four days, excluding orders generated from the event. All buyers were Filipinos.

"The fair is a success to us not only for the sales and the exposure it generated but we get direct feedback from customers or even suggestions ... We were able to make local consumers know that we have good local products. We impressed many with our presentation and more importantly, we have proven to those who tried our soaps that our quality is really at par with the world's standards," she says.

ZENY Araño of Patubas Corp.

## Patubas Corp.

The company started producing tropical wines in January 2004. Aside from tropical wines, Patubas, an Ilonggo term for harvest, also makes fruit juices, lambanog and native pickles.

The flagship product of the corporation is its wine available in duhat, mango, pineapple, guyabano and bignay—the best fruits available locally for wine making.

Zeny Araño, vice president, says that the tropical wines are very difficult to be duplicated by other countries because of the unique qualities of the fruits.

"It's packaging is world class, it is designed for the export market," says Araño.

The 7th Buy Pinoy fair was a big help in terms of the exposure they got for the products, she says.

# Taxed in the spotlight

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receipts and other supporting documents. He also has to register with the BIR as being engaged in the practice of profession, and has to maintain BIR-approved books of accounts. In fact, he is even required to register official receipts and issue BIR-registered official receipts for all amounts received.

Alternatively, if the individual would rather not present official receipts and other documents to support expense deductions, the Tax Code allows a person engaged in the practice of profession, trade, or business an optional standard deduction (OSD) not exceeding 10 percent of gross income. However, availing of the OSD will not excuse the individual from maintaining books of accounts; registering with the BIR as being engaged in the practice of profession, trade, or business; or issuing BIR-registered official receipts.

Withholding Taxes on Compensation and Creditable Withholding Taxes (CWT)

Whether the show biz personality is an employee or a professional/talent, the applicable income tax rate depends on the income earned by the individual. The higher the person's income, the higher his income tax will be.

Withholding taxes, whether on compensation or creditable taxes, are forms of advance tax payment. In other words, instead of an individual paying all income taxes on April 15, the Tax Code requires that amounts (which are estimated to equal the income tax to be paid by the individual at the end of the year) be withheld from income payments to the individual. Therefore, the rate of withholding tax depends on the type of payment being made and the amount of income payment.

For salaries received by an employee, the applicable withholding tax is called withholding tax on compensation. The amount of tax to be withheld depends on the estimated yearly income and ranges from five percent (for the lowest income bracket) to 32 percent (for the highest income bracket). The employer acts as a withholding agent and withholds this tax from the salary of the employee and remits it to the BIR on a monthly basis. The employer then issues the Certificate of Taxes Withheld from Compensation (BIR Form No. 2316). It is this certificate that the employee may use when filing his Annual Income Tax Return to substantiate the amount of taxes withheld from him during the year.

For professionals or talents, the applicable withholding tax is called creditable withholding tax (CWT or more popularly known as "expanded withholding tax"). The CWT rate is either 10 percent or 15 percent on all professional, promotional and talent fees. It is 10 percent if the professional/talent's income for the year does not exceed P720,000 and 15 percent if the income exceeds P720,000.

Because the corporation, network, or person making the payment (i.e., the "payor") may not be aware whether the income of the professional or talent exceeds P720,000 a year, the following rules apply:

a. The CWT is 10 percent in any of the following cases:

- payment is made on or before June 30 of each year and the payor does not know whether the income of the professional or talent will exceed P720,000 for the year; or
- payment is made after June 30 of each year but the professional or talent provides the payor with a notarized declaration (and received by the BIR) that his income for the year will not exceed P720,000.

b. The CWT is 15 percent in any of the following cases:

- payment is made on or before June 30 of each year but the payor knows that the income of the professional will exceed P720,000 for the year; or
- payment is made after June 30 of each year and the professional has not provided the payor with a notarized declaration that his income for the year will not exceed P720,000.

The payor acts as the withholding agent, withholds the CWT, and remits the same to the BIR. The withholding agent then issues a Certificate of Creditable Tax Withheld at Source (BIR Form No. 2307). It is this certificate that the professional/talent may use when filing his Annual Income Tax Return to substantiate the amount of taxes withheld from him during the year.

The important thing to remember is that even if compensation (for employees) and/or talent fees (for professionals/talents) have already been subjected to withholding tax, the individual must still determine at the end of the year if the correct amount of taxes were withheld or not. If the individual finds out that his income tax liability is more than the total amount of taxes withheld, he must pay the difference when he files his Annual Income Tax Return.

## Value-added tax (VAT)

Unlike individuals who receive income as employees, professionals or talents are subject to VAT on their professional/talent fees for services performed in the Philippines.

Professionals, including show biz personalities, became subject to VAT beginning Jan. 1, 2003 because they are considered engaged in the sale of services.

The amount of VAT to be paid to the government is the excess of the VAT on the professional's income over the VAT component on his allowable deductions. This is the reason why it is called "value-added" tax. For purposes of declaring VAT liabilities, the professional must use the monthly VAT declaration (BIR Form No. 2550M) for the first two months of each quarter and the quarterly VAT returns (BIR Form No. 2550Q) for each taxable quarter.

The VAT component (called "output tax") on the professional's income is computed at 10 percent of his gross receipts. As mentioned earlier, a professional/talent is required to issue BIR-registered VAT official receipts upon receipt of any form of income. Issuing official receipts for all transactions makes it very easy for the professional to determine the 10 percent VAT on his income.

On the other hand, the VAT component (called "input tax") on his allowable deductions is computed at 10 percent of his business purchases from VAT-registered persons. Expenses must be ordinary and necessary and incurred in the course of trade or business, and be supported by BIR-registered VAT invoices (for purchase of goods) or VAT official receipts (for purchase of services). Furthermore, these invoices and official receipts must indicate the name of the professional, his registered address, and tax identification number (TIN).

## Putting tax in the spotlight

Albert Einstein is supposed to have said, "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." If a super genius like Einstein would say that about income tax, it is perfectly understandable for an ordinary person not to comprehend the nuances of income tax and the other taxes that we have.

Taxes do seem technical and people have a tendency to tune out whenever taxes are discussed. Perhaps, one positive thing brought about by the tax cases filed by the BIR not just against show biz personalities but also against doctors and businessmen, is that tax has been placed in the spotlight. It is about time people exert effort to really understand taxes and know how they work.

# Que sera ...

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nationals have not?

A: In the Philippines, and in the pharma industry here, they have not. But if you Google the topic, you'll find out that they have in Europe and America. But your question is still pertinent: Why haven't they in the Philippines and other Asian countries? One answer is fairly straightforward. It's an issue of business mindset. Most multinationals think in terms of margins: large margin times small volume equals large total profit. In generics, you're dealing with small margins times large volume equals just as large if not larger total profit. To go into generics while maintaining your participation in the premium market means leading a schizophrenic business life that's able to live with the continuing tension between a margin-driven marketing versus a volume-driven one.

Most multinational headquarters have favored the less stressful and lesser 'effortful' business life of a margin-driven marketing.

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# Planting ...

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ternational business group of Chowking, said it took about two years of research and kitchen tests before the first shop was opened in Jakarta in October last year.

The kitchen test was needed to give Chowking a feel of what the market wanted. Paredes stressed that while many of the items on the menu fit the Filipino taste, it may not be the same in Indonesia where the people are used to more spicy food.

Chowking in Indonesia, thus, serves its Chicken Supreme with the sambal sauce preferred by Indonesians. It also sells different versions of the mixed rice and mami dishes to fit the Indonesian taste.

The market reacted well to Chowking's offerings, prompting the company to put up two more in Jakarta. From there, Chowking has also opened two stores in Dubai with another store in the pipeline.

Chowking is likewise firming up plans to penetrate the giant market of India.

Paredes said the key to making it in foreign markets is to adapt to the local market because it will be the locals that will support the growth of the company, not just the Filipino market.

"There are rich opportunities in the international market. That is the future," Paredes said.

## Figaro

China may be mainly a tea-drinking nation. But this has not stopped local coffee chain Figaro Coffee Corp. from setting up shop in the world's third biggest economy, particularly in Shanghai where the action is.

Figaro CEO Pacita U. Juan said China's fascination with all things Western drove Figaro to go to China. And if there's one thing Figaro can teach the Chinese, it's to drink coffee, including the indigenous Barako variety.

There are now two stores in China and Figaro has also set up one in Dubai. She said there are plans to put up more Figaro stores in other parts of China such as Beijing, in preparation for the Olympics.

Juan said Figaro conducts coffee seminars in the Figaro stores in Shanghai to educate the Chinese on the wonders of coffee—in Chinese and in English—and these efforts are bearing fruit as more Chinese flock to the Figaro stores.

"We cannot cater to the Overseas Filipino Workers alone. We must also appeal to the local people," she said.

The growth of the overseas market represents an export market for the local coffee growers as Figaro still gets its coffee here and exports them in green bean form in China, where the beans are roasted before being served.

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# BUSINESS Friday

# Planting Filipino flags on foreign shores

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

FILIPINOS are world class. And intrepid Philippine companies are proving it yet again.

Following the lead of venerated brands like Goldilocks and Max's that turned to the US market, companies like Islands Souvenirs, Chowking, Integrated Microelectronics Inc., Figaro Coffee Corp. and Manila Water Co. Inc. are showing other foreign markets what the Filipino can do.

During the latest edition of the Good News Kapihan at the Global Café in Makati, these companies related how they planted the Filipino flag on foreign shores.

## Islands Souvenirs

Tourists in Singapore, San Francisco, Macau and Okinawa may not know it, but the cute souvenir they bought from that store bursting with the colors of the tropics came from Islands Souvenirs of Cebu, Philippines.

Since 1999, Islands Souvenirs, founded by entrepreneur Jay Aldeguer has been giving foreign cities a peek into what Filipinos are excellent at—creativity and design flair.

From showcasing the best of the Philippine islands, Islands Souvenirs has moved on to producing souvenirs tourism destinations like Macau, Okinawa, Singapore and San Francisco.

Aldeguer said foreign markets were receptive to Islands Souvenirs' products because of its designs and the extensive line of good quality items. And due to its experience in the Philippines, it banks on long experience in the tourism industry.

Islands Souvenirs also came across as a breath of fresh air in the fragmented souvenirs industry where no single company dominates.

"There is no one brand that dominates the souvenir market. We want to be that one brand. It is an ambitious target but we believe we can do it," Aldeguer said.

Aside from just marketing destinations, Aldeguer said Islands Souvenirs has been getting a lot of inquiries on the exclusive production of souvenir items with the world's top hotels.

It started with the Mactan Shangri-la in Cebu and it is now bringing its portfolio to hotels and establishments in foreign markets.

It may just be a matter of time before all tourist destinations have an Islands Souvenirs shop around the corner.

## Chowking

Chowking is the market leader in the Chinese food segment of the quick service restaurant business. With its over 313 branches nationwide, it has the second biggest network of restaurants, next to its mother company, Jollibee.

Not content to just tighten its stranglehold on the Chinese food market, Chowking has ventured into foreign markets, with Indonesia as its first stop because of its proximity to the Philippines and its huge population.

Ed Paredes, who heads the in-

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# Taxed in the spotlight

By Jose A. Osana & Clarizza L. Doloroso
*SGV & CO*

RICHARD Gomez ... Regine Velasquez ... Judy Ann Santos ...

No, they are not the cast of the latest Pinoy 'telenovela' or blockbuster movie. They are just some of the big names in entertainment (show biz) who were charged with tax evasion by the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

These and other cases filed to date by the DOF and the BIR under the Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) Program bring into the spotlight the serious efforts of the Government to collect taxes. For show biz taxpayers, a tax evasion case is not simply bad publicity. It's a serious matter, with serious consequences. For taxpayers reading the news, these tax evasion cases serve as a wake-up call on the need to be diligent in complying with tax obligations.

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With RATE, the DOF and the BIR have sent a clear message that they will not hesitate to go after the big fish, so everybody, including the small fry, better watch out.

Showbiz personalities learned the hard way: They cannot simply rely on managers or personal assistants to take care of the business side of things, especially where taxes are concerned. They have to be involved and be aware because if taxes are not paid properly, their own property or liberty could be put at risk.

Getting involved means knowing what taxes they are liable for, and the most important of these taxes are income, withholding, and value added tax (VAT).

## Income tax

Showbiz people are usually hired as employees or as professionals or talents.

Employees derive income in the form of salaries or compensation. Professionals or talents, on the other hand, derive income in the form of talent or professional fees.

An employee's employer will simply withhold tax on the salaries paid and remit the tax withheld to the BIR. At the end of the year, the employer gives the employee a Certificate of Compensation Payment/Tax Withheld (BIR Form No. 2316). When filing the Annual Income Tax Return (BIR Form No. 1700) on or before April 15, the employee uses that Certificate to prove the amount of taxes already withheld from his pay. In fact, if an employee has only one employer during the taxable year, and the employer withholds the correct amount of taxes, the employee is no longer required to file an Income Tax Return on April 15 of the following year, since his entire income tax liability for the whole year would have already been withheld and remitted by the employer to the BIR.

Of course, in determining the tax to be withheld from the employee, the employer must take into account the personal exemption (P32,000 for each married individual, P25,000 for head of the family, and P20,000 for single individual), the additional exemption for dependents (if any), and premium payments not exceeding P2,400 per family for health and hospitalization insurance. If these were not correctly considered, it is most likely that the correct amount of tax was not withheld, and the employee must still file his Annual Income Tax Return on or before April 15 and pay the tax due.

In the case of a professional or talent deriving professional or talent fees (instead of salaries), the film company, television network, or other payor of income is required to withhold creditable withholding taxes. However, the tax liability of the professional or talent does not end there. On or before April 15 of the following year, that professional or talent is required to file his Annual Income Tax Return (BIR Form 1701).

Unlike an employee, however, a professional or talent is allowed more deductions because the Tax Code considers that person to be engaged in the practice of a profession, trade, or business. In addition to the personal and additional exemptions, a professional or talent is allowed to claim deductions for, among others, ordinary and necessary business expenses. However, he is required to substantiate all claims for deduction with official

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# LIFESTYLE

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ROLANDO Lotho

# When a picture paints a thousand fashions

## Pinoy designers take inspiration from French fashion illustrations

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

IT was a classic French twist to an otherwise typical fashion show.

On Tuesday night, Alliance Française de Manille brought together the works of nine Filipino designers inspired by 15 French illustrators, graphic designers and animators in a show directed by Robby Carmona.

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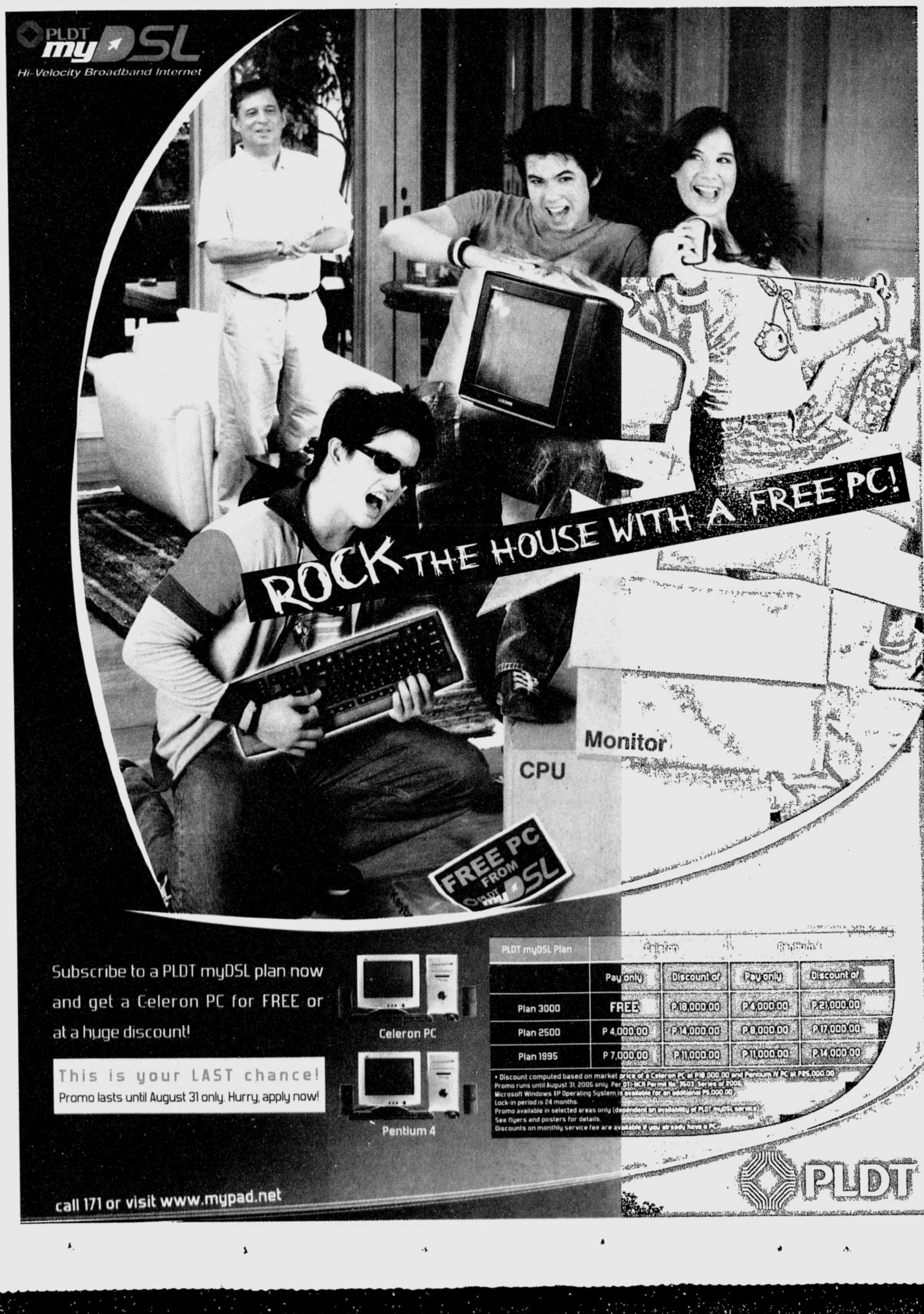


IVAR for Tan-Gan

LZ Punzalan

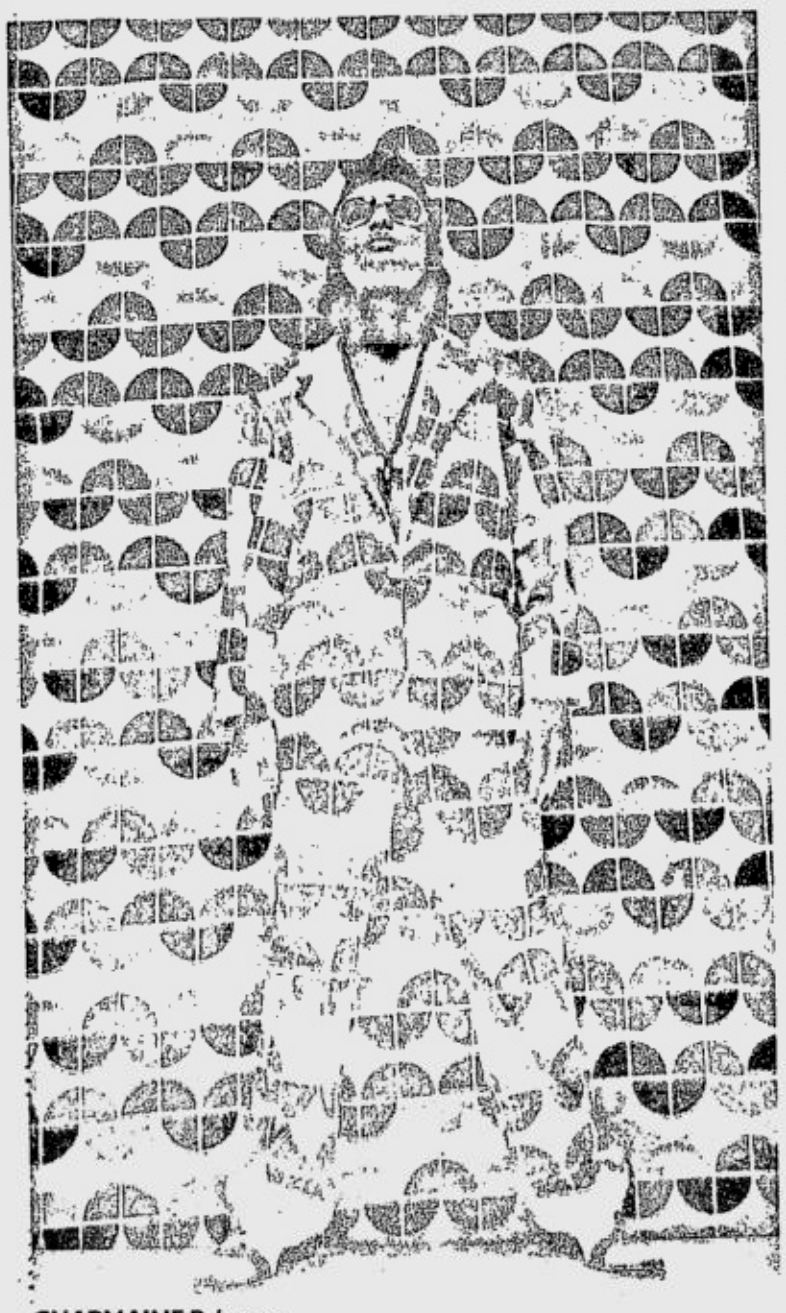
IGNACIO Loyola

TIPPI Ocampo

REIAN Mata

RANDY Ortiz

# When a picture paints a thousand fashions



CHARMAINE Palermo

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"Traits Très Mode: French Fashion Illustration Now" is a traveling exhibit of 60 illustrations brought around by the Association Française d'Action Artistique. Its Philippine stop comes at the heels of the Alliance Française-sponsored Young Designers Guild show staged last October, where design inspirations were culled from videos created by some of Europe's leading filmmakers and fashion movers.

Carmona did away with the usual catwalk, and instead created platforms that wrapped around the interiors of Rockwell Tent so that the audience, huddled at the center, could almost touch the clothes. The illustrations, all mounted in Plexiglas, hung on the walls. The opposite end of the main stage had six niches with live models wearing designs by six other young designers, including Happy David for accessories.

Somewhat prematurely, the show also became the venue for the launch of Ivarluski Aseron's knit men's line for Lulu Tan-Gan, who was originally part of the lineup but had to beg off at the last minute.

"There were only five pieces. It became a prelude of sorts," Aseron said of his clothes. He sounded pleased nonetheless at the queries he got. (Ivar for Tan-Gan will hit the racks by yearend.)

"I started product development only early last month," Aseron said. It's his first time to create ready-to-wear. (He used to design for Bobby Novenario, but handled mostly made-to-order pieces.)



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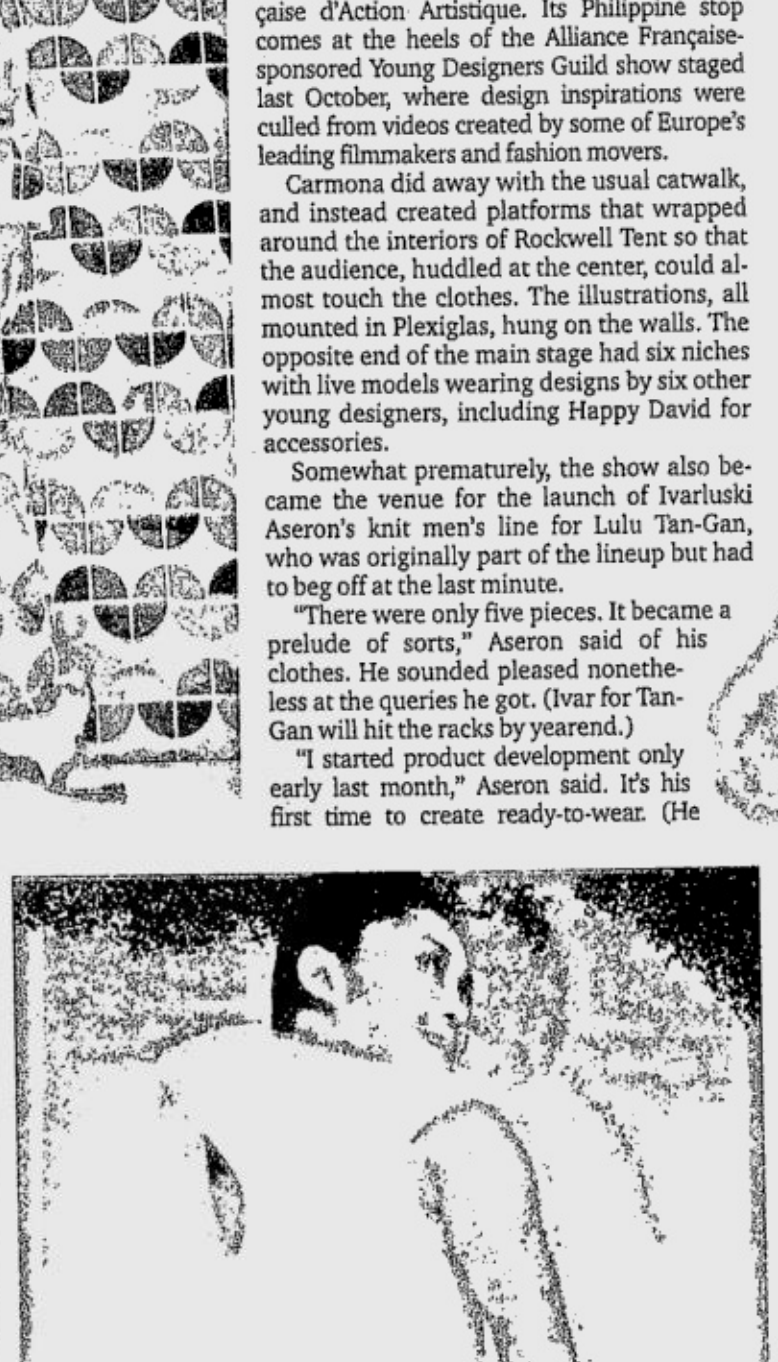


MITZI Quilendrino

IGNACIO Loyola

## Fun

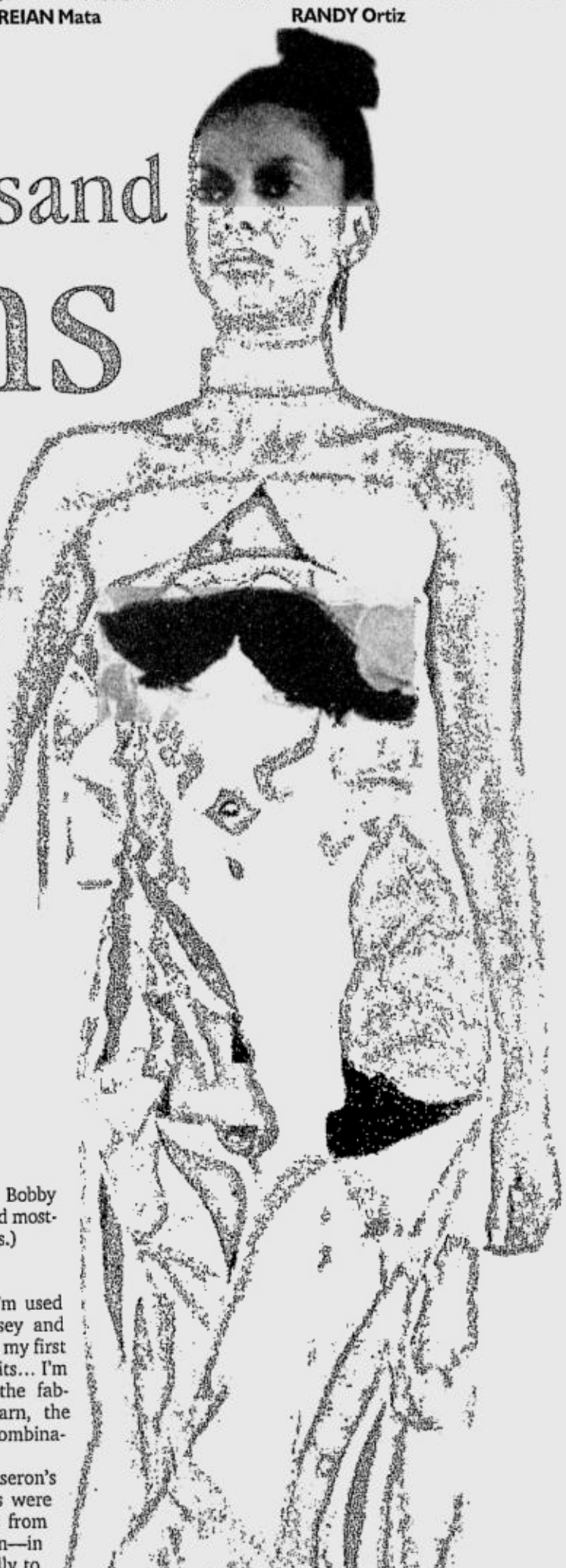
"It's fun because I'm used to working with jersey and woven fabrics. This is my first time to work with knits... I'm practically creating the fabric—choosing the yarn, the colors and the combinations."

For the show, Aseron's Brit-preppy knit tops were paired with bottoms from his own collection—in muted colors, naturally, to better highlight the peach-mauve-teal-chocolate-colored tops.

Taking inspiration from the illustrators Florence Deygas, Carlotta and Emmanuelle Mafille, Mitzi Quilendrino showed softly sculptured, very feminine separates in felt. She employed trompe l'oeil techniques—charcoal sketches of a belt, bow—in the most impressive collection we have seen from her by far.

Color is possibly one of Kate Torralba's strongest suits, and while she uses it without restraint, the young designer knows how to temper her creative flights. Her lines were simple, an obvious concession to the bold patchworks that adorned her Crayola-colored dresses. Cheekily, if not sexily, skin showed between the belt-strap details, at the back and in the mid-section.

Reian Mata echoed the caricature-on-fabric element, but her perpetual stretch jersey-and-lace creations are starting to get tired, and she's so young and new! Repetition is an old-timer's sickness—and we felt some of that on Tuesday's show. We sure hope this 24-year-old isn't succumbing to the disease so early in her career.



KATE Torralba

# Bonsai workshop

A SEMINAR-WORKSHOP on the art of bonsai-making will be conducted by Ikebana professor and plant art expert Serapion S. Metilla, 1-6 p.m., today until Aug. 28, at Mett's Plant Arts, King Louis Garden Center, Manila Seedling Bank corner Edsa and Quezon Ave., QC. A minimal fee will be charged for materials including pruning scissors, bonsai pot, a specimen plant, aluminum wires, potting medium, sphagnum moss, strings, hand-outs, snacks and certificate. Call 9394593, 0917-8321352 or 4352479.

## GOINGS ON

**BALLET.** Ballet Manila and Kultura Pilipina will perform in Ballet at the Park tomorrow, 5 p.m., at Rizal Park open-air auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

**CONCERT.** Concert at the Park presents the Pinoy funk rock music of Cha Esquila (vocals/guitar), Chong Real (bass/vocals) and Jorj Trinidad (drums) on Aug. 28, 5 p.m., at Rizal Park open-air auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

**FAIR.** School officials, teachers, parents and high school students are invited to visit the booth of European International School at the 26th Manila International Book Fair on Aug. 31-Sept. 4 in World Trade Center. Call 8900661/ 8960682.

**FORUM.** The Association of Special Libraries will hold a forum on "Technology Innovations Update: Implementation and Implications in Library Operations and Management" on Sept. 1, 1-3 p.m., at World Trade Center, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Roxas Blvd., Pasay City. Call Cora Garcia at 5249217, or Jo Ladlad at 5244611-17 loc. 602.

**WORKSHOP.** Raya School will hold "Imagineering 101: Visual Journaling" Part I on Sept. 3 at 73-A Scout Limbaga St., QC. Call 3762184.

**REUNION.** The UP Kappa Phi Omega Service Sorority will hold a reunion on Sept. 3. Call Millet at 5273142 or Celia at 5758370.

**COURSE.** The Japan Foundation Manila, in pursuit of Japan Foundation's objective of enhancing mutual understanding through the promotion of cultural exchange, will officially open its course for Nihongo teachers on Sept. 3 at the Japanese Association Manila, Inc., 21/F, Trident Tower, 312 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Salcedo Village, Makati. Call 8116155.

**WORKSHOP.** Lopez Memorial Museum will hold a Book Repair Workshop on Sept. 3-Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Slots limited to 12 participants only. Participants will learn the various types of damage found in library collections and repair options. Lopez Memorial Museum is located at G/F Benpres Building, Exchange Road cor. Meralco Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig. Call 6312417.

**SEMINAR.** The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will hold a photography seminar starting Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. Call 8435341 or 8137420.

**TEST.** Examination fees for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test on Dec. 4 are to be paid upon submission of accomplished forms with two photos. Deadline is until Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-5 p.m. Call 8116155 to 58.

**PROMO.** Each new utility bill enrolled in Citibank One Bill from Aug. 8 to Oct. 31 gives cardholders one raffle entry. If you win, you won't have to worry about paying that bill for an entire year. Lucky cardholders will be picked on Sept. 7, Oct. 7 and Nov. 7. Call 9959999.

**AWARDS.** The 24th National Book Awards will be handed out by Manila Critics Circle on Sept. 4, 4 p.m., at the Manila International Book Fair in World Trade Center.

**EXHIBIT.** The Philippine School of Interior Design will mount its graduation exhibit, "PSID Gets Personal," Sept. 30-Oct. 31, Greenbelt 1, Makati.

**INDUCTION.** Kiwanis Club of Metropolitan Manila recently held its chartering and induction of officers and members. Inducted officers for 2004-2005 were president Antonio Garcia; vice president Lt. Gov. Nelsson Tan; treasurer Urbano Caasi; secretary Romeo Caampued; president-elect Apolinario Reyes; directors P. Lt. Gov. Jose Edrosolan; P. Lt. Gov. Virgilio Prudente; Gov. elect Ildefonso Cariño; P. Lt. Gov. Uthman Mamadra; and Raul Mora.

**CONCERT.** World-renowned violinist Reiko Otani will hold a benefit concert entitled Violin-Piano Concerto for the Youth on Oct. 1, 3 p.m., at Mother Rose Auditorium, Assumption College, Makati.

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# Bonsai workshop

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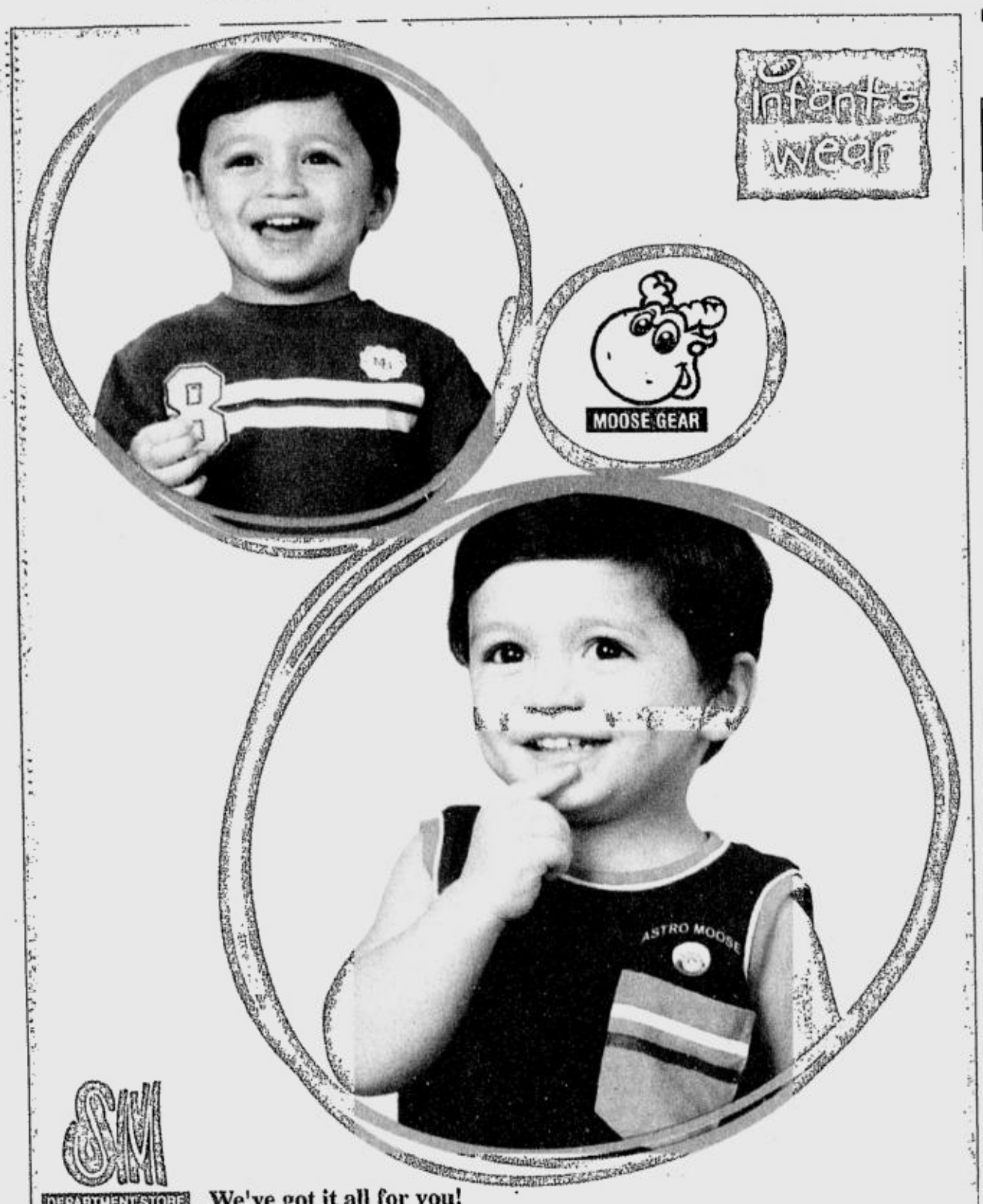
**EXPO.** Computer Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers Association of the Philippines will gather the biggest players in information and communications technology, telecommunications and consumer electronics on Oct. 6-9 at COMDDAP Tent at the Fort Global City, Taguig. Free admission to the public. Call 7509456.

**FUNDRAISER.** Character Building Foundation will hold a fundraising concert on Nov. 4

**HOMECOMING.** The Ateneo Chemical Society will hold an alumni homecoming 4-11 p.m., Dec. 17. Call Aran San Juan at 0916-5061786 or Dr. Armando Guidote, 4266001.

**THE PHILIPPINE Orchid Society is holding its 59th Annual Orchid and Garden show, Aug. 26-Sept. 5, at the Orchidarium Park, City Hall Complex, Diliman, Quezon City.**
**Assistant Secretary Salvador S. Salacup, representing Agriculture Sec. Domingo Panganiban, is the guest of honor at the opening ceremony at 9 a.m., Aug. 26. With the theme "Orchid Fair II," the event will feature the magnificent Waling-waling, *Vanda (Euanthe) sanderiana*, which is in bloom this time of year. The show will include free daily lectures starting at 2 p.m.**

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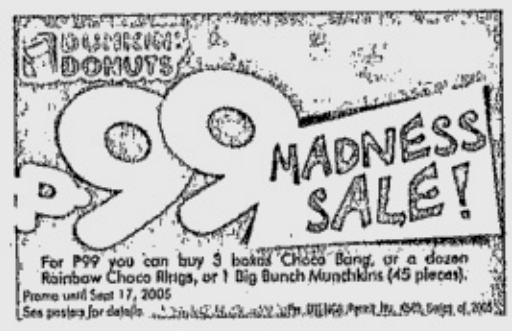


**SUPERMODELS Verns Buckley and Gia Arriola with the Sony Cyber-shot camera**

# Smile if you're a supermodel

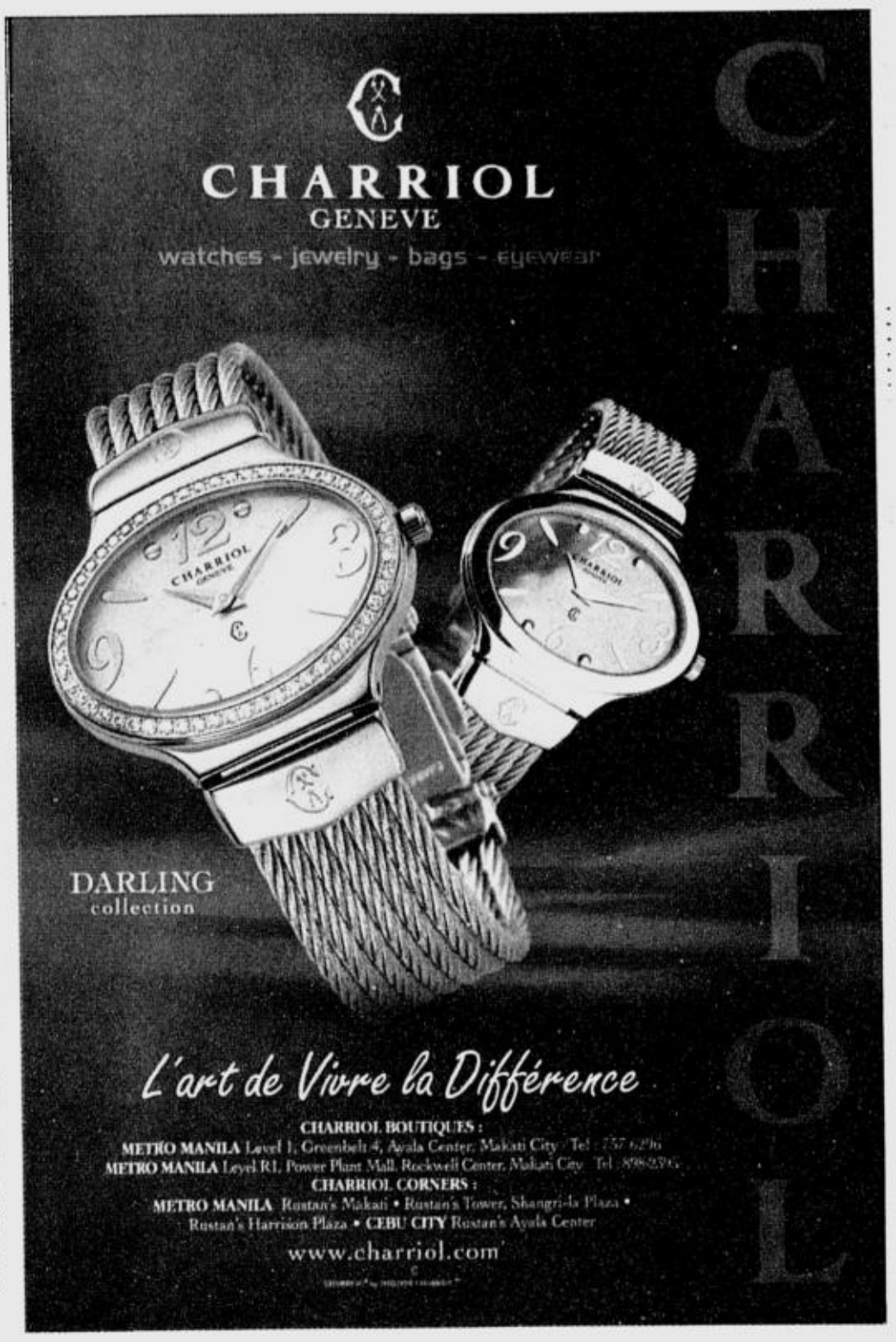
**FORD Supermodel of the World Philippines winners: Nina Naval (1999), Verns Buckley (2003) and Daphne Galvan (2004) make a pretty picture with Sony Philippines president Hiroaki Kobayashi and Toshiya Kagita**

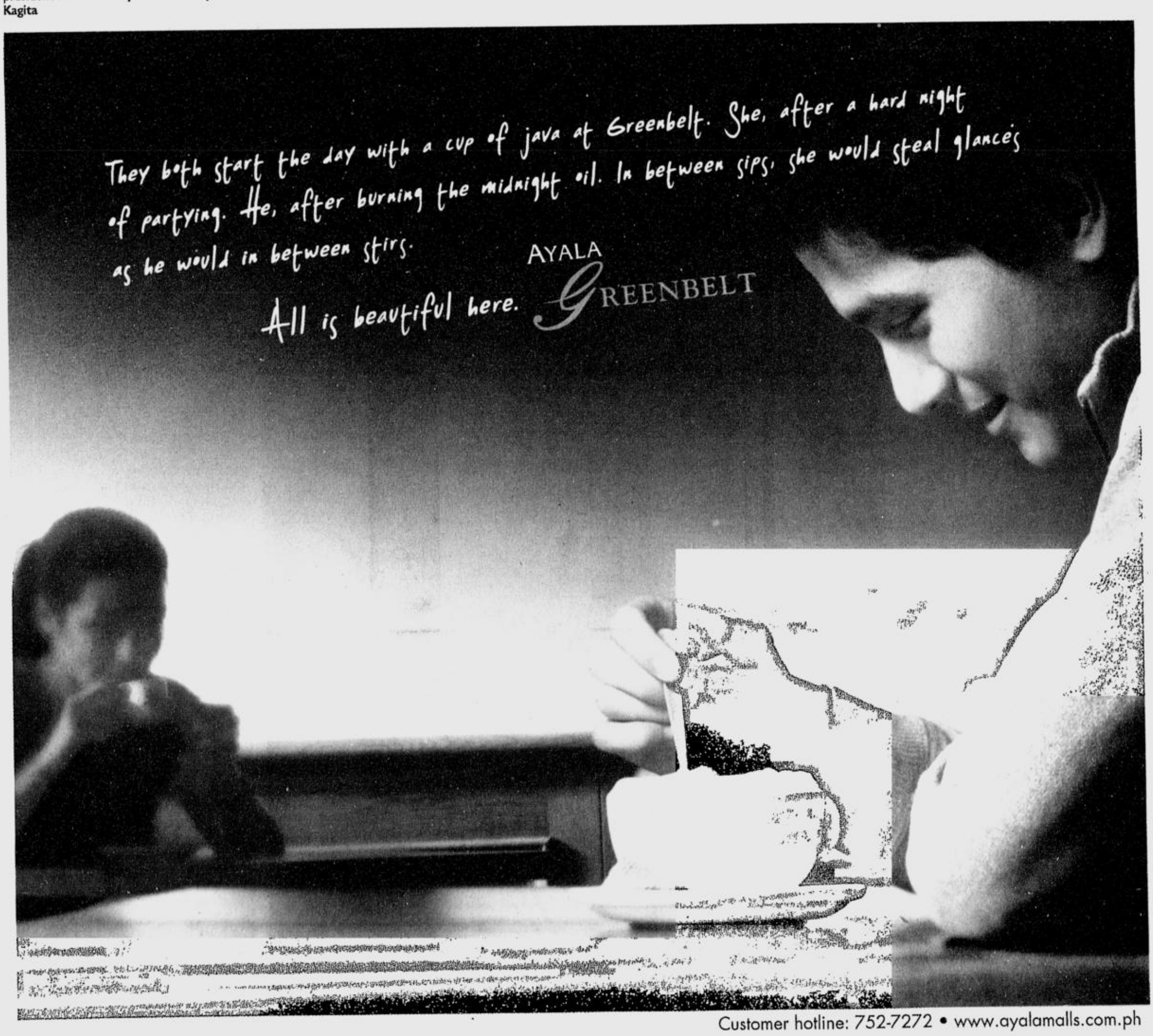
FASHION is all about capturing a certain look—with the right camera.

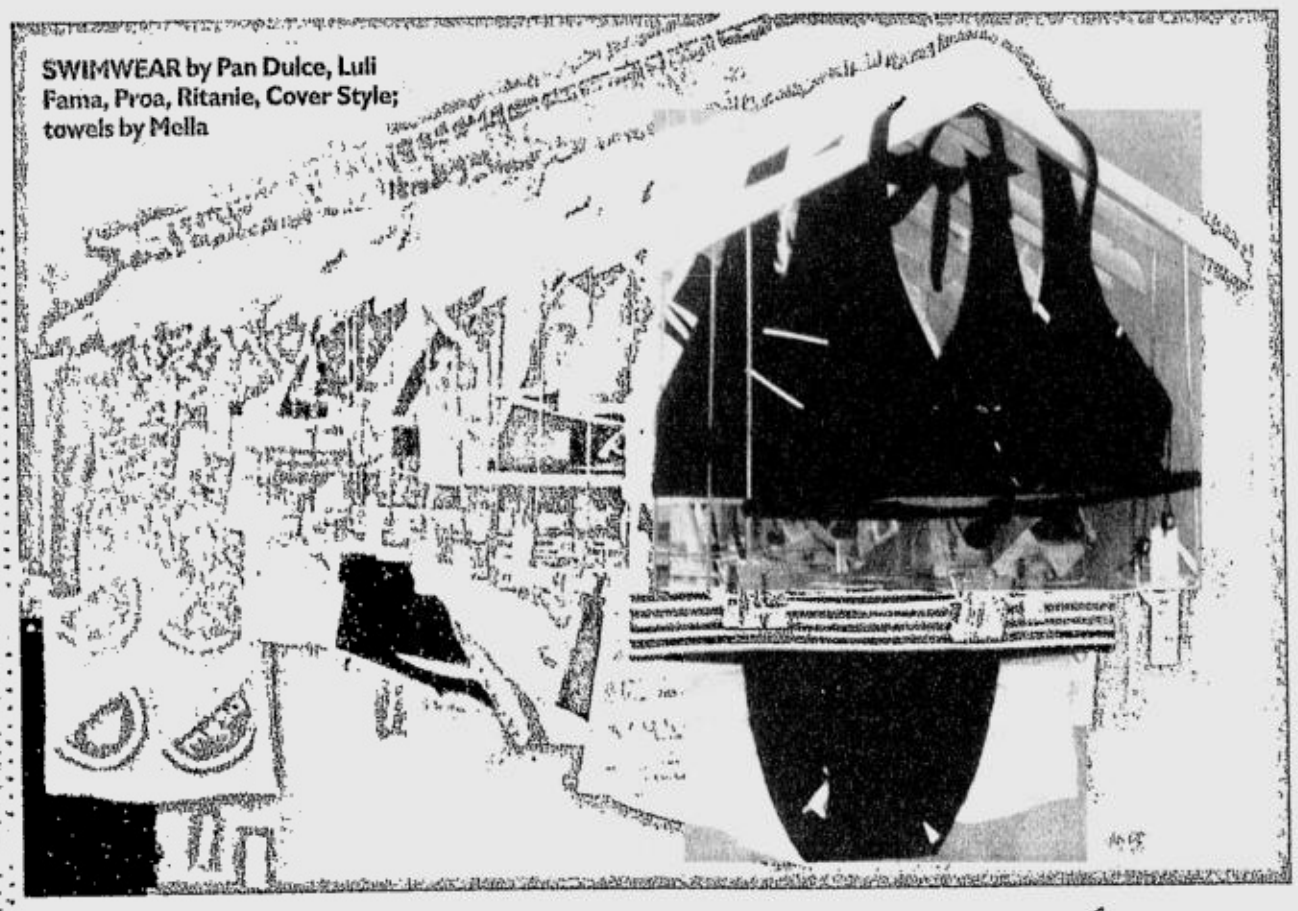
In the search for the next Filipino supermodel, Sony, led by president Hiroaki Kobayashi, teams up with Runway Productions in the use of Sony Cyber-shot, a camera known for its ultra-high-tech design and sleek features. This time around, the Philippines' finest faces will be captured through the next generation lenses of Sony Cyber-shot as it supports the 2005 Supermodel of the World-Philippines Search.

Lauren Hutton, Beverly Johnson, Christie Brinkley, Jerry Hall, Stephanie Seymour, Rachel Hunter and Christy Turlington are only a few of the cover beauties discovered and handpicked by Ford Modeling Agency founders Eileen and Jerry Ford.

Aspiring models can get a shot at a one-year contract with CalCarries Philipines and a round-trip ticket to New York to represent the Philippines in the Supermodel of the World finals. The winner of the world contest gets $250,000 worth of modeling contracts with the Ford modeling agency.





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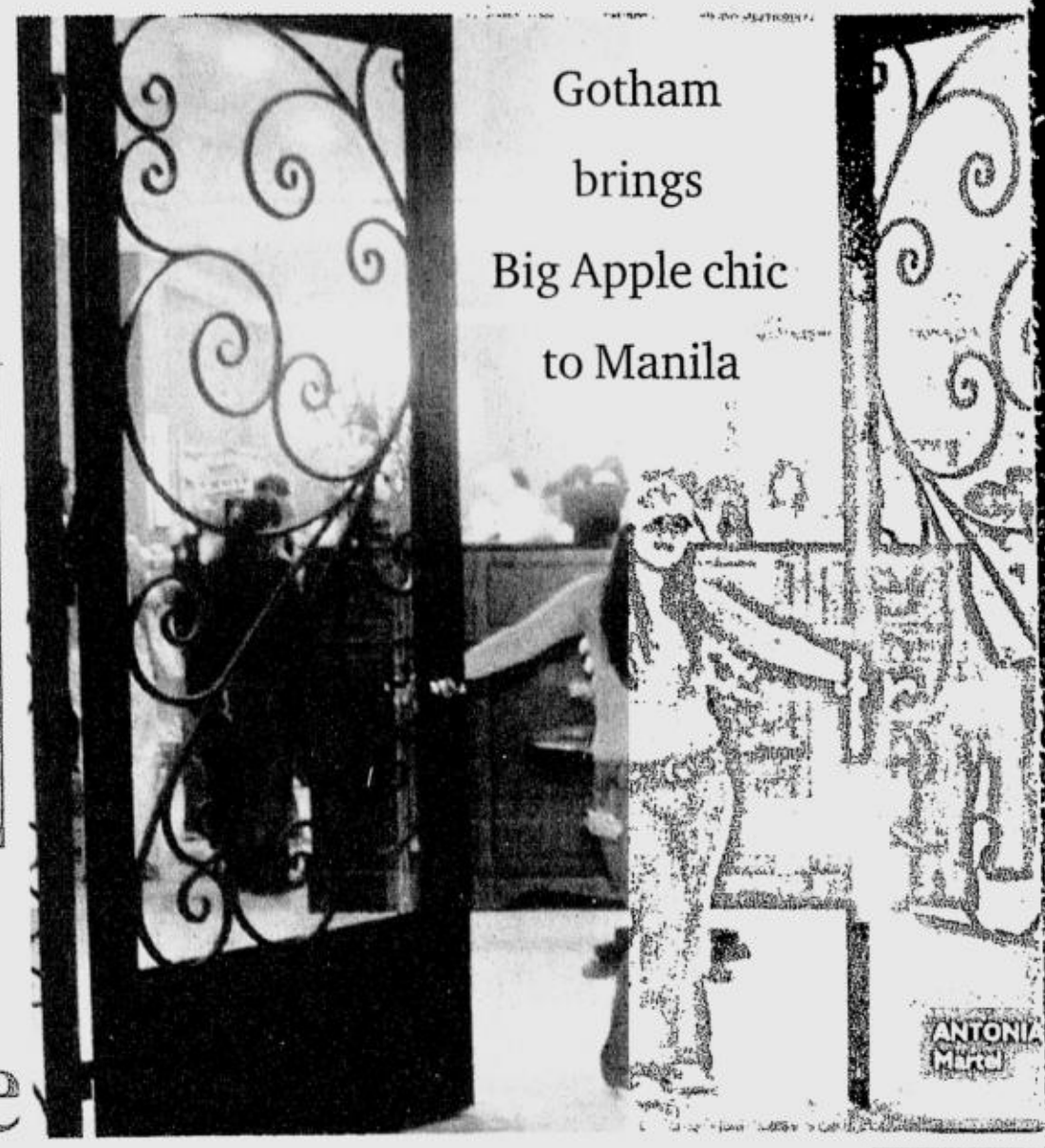
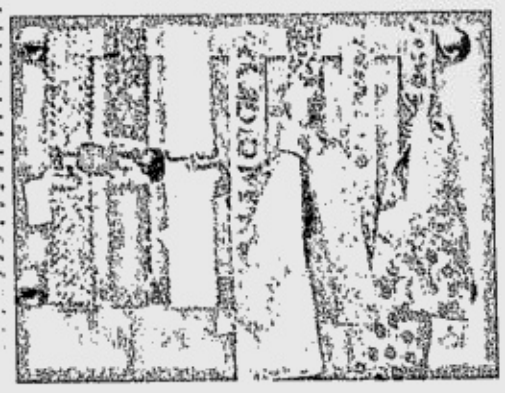


# In a New York state of style

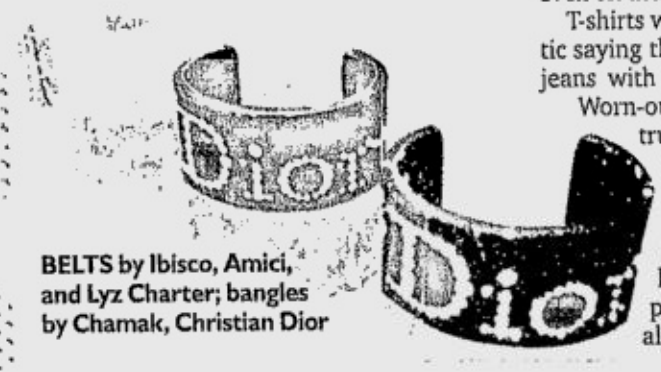


**Text by Beia Formoso**
*Contributor*
**Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan**

NEW Yorkers never dress for just the heck of it. A T-shirt is never just a tee, nor are jeans plain old jeans. New Yorkers always dress to make a statement, even on the most casual of days.

T-shirts would have a cool logo or a sarcastic saying that goes perfectly well with faded jeans with holes already ripped into them.

Worn-out colorful sneakers and a trusty trucker cap complete the picture. Despite the rundown appearance and I-don't-care attitude the outfit exudes, these items cost an arm and a leg because they are actually designer-made. Which is why pop stars, musicians and actors alike scoop them up. They may be casual, but they're expensive and, ergo, exclusive.



BELTS by Ibisco, Amici, and Lyz Charter; bangles by Chamak, Christian Dior

CAPS by Don Ed Hardy

Well, not anymore. The same brands the stars wear while buying a Frappuccino or walking their dogs can be found right here in Manila's very own Gotham boutique, which recently opened at Harrison Plaza.

Antonia Martel, fresh from studying at Fordham University, brought Gotham to life—selecting and sourcing all the clothes and accessories, designing the store's interiors, even creating the store's unique furniture.

Everything in the store is funky and edgy yet sleek and sophisticated at the same time—from tank tops covered in rhinestones to studded bags and belts, to Bob Marley-inspired designer wear; all true to the New York sense of style.

*Gotham is on the ground floor of Harrison Plaza, Malate, Manila.*

UNDERWEAR b

# Sports fashion goes mainstream

KC LOOKING good in black polo matched with denim skirt

IN ACTIVE dry collared tee

IN SLEEVELESS tank top

KRISTINA Cassandra (KC), Human's prime image endorser, heats up the scoreboard with the young brand's latest collection of street sportswear.

Human introduces an activewear line consisting of tops made of tactel polyester with piping and print, jersey tees with patchwork, acrylic jogging pants and short with contrast reflex piping.

Tactel polyester quickly disperses perspiration, leaving no tinge and sweat or any mark at all.

The line also includes spandex tops and sport *sandos* as well as polos. It also has a wide collection of accessories from bags to belts, caps, sneakers, and wrist/arm bands.

Human offers a free Listerine Pocketpak for a minimum single receipt worth P750.

Denim enthusiasts may enjoy a free denim pouch and denim guide for a minimum single receipt purchase of P750.

IN BLUE printed jersey with ribbing matched with jeans, blue and orange mailman bag

KC makes her mark in her Human round-neck tee with contrast piping and patch detail and stretch jogging pants

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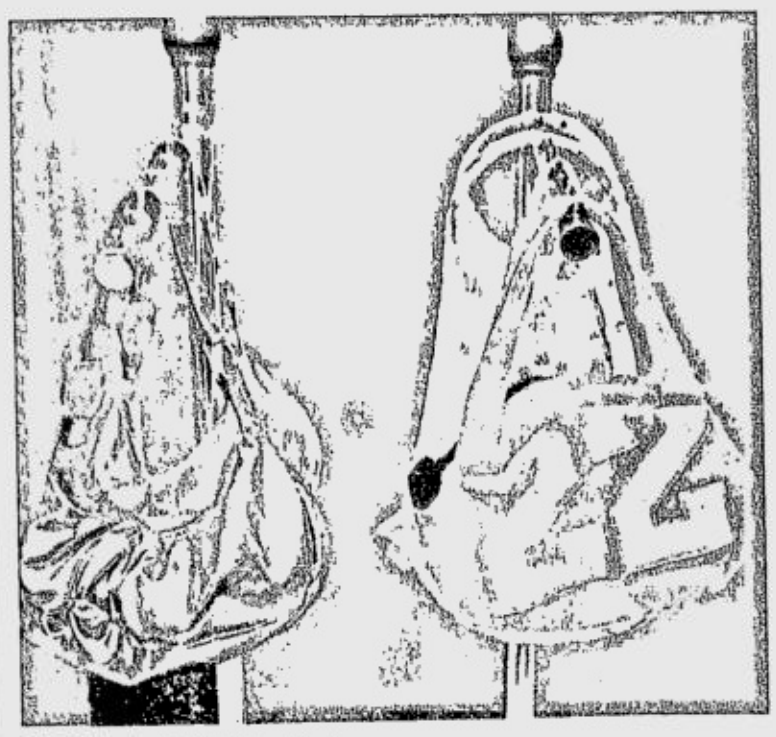

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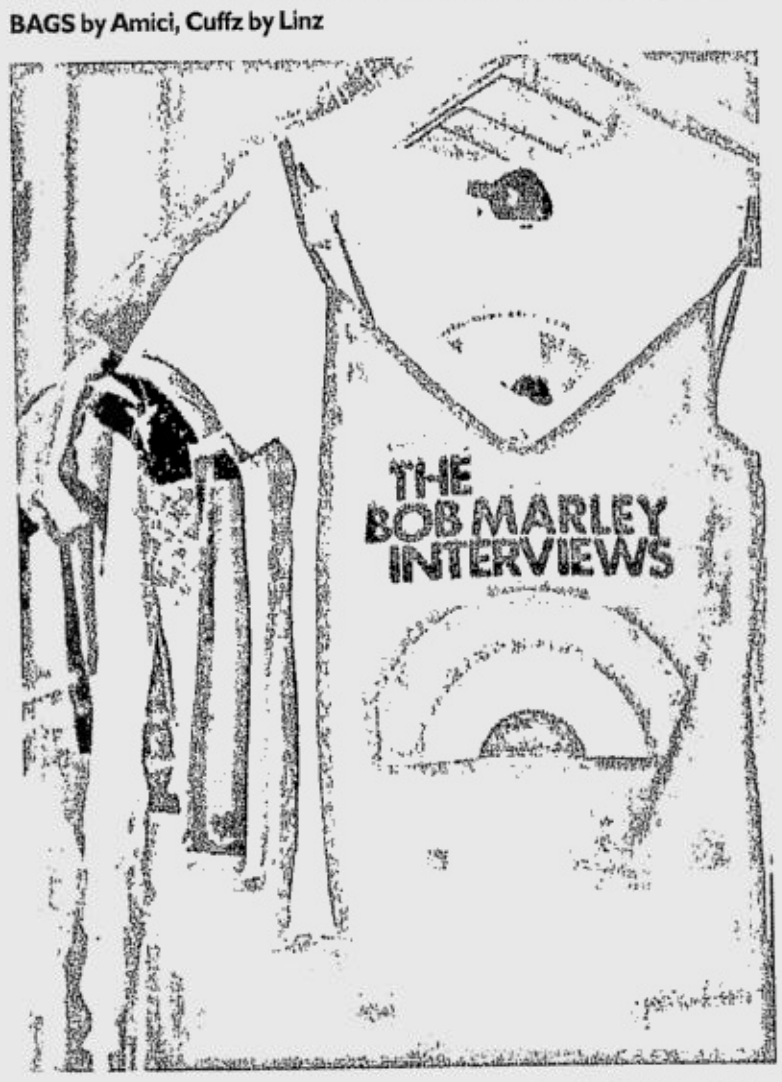


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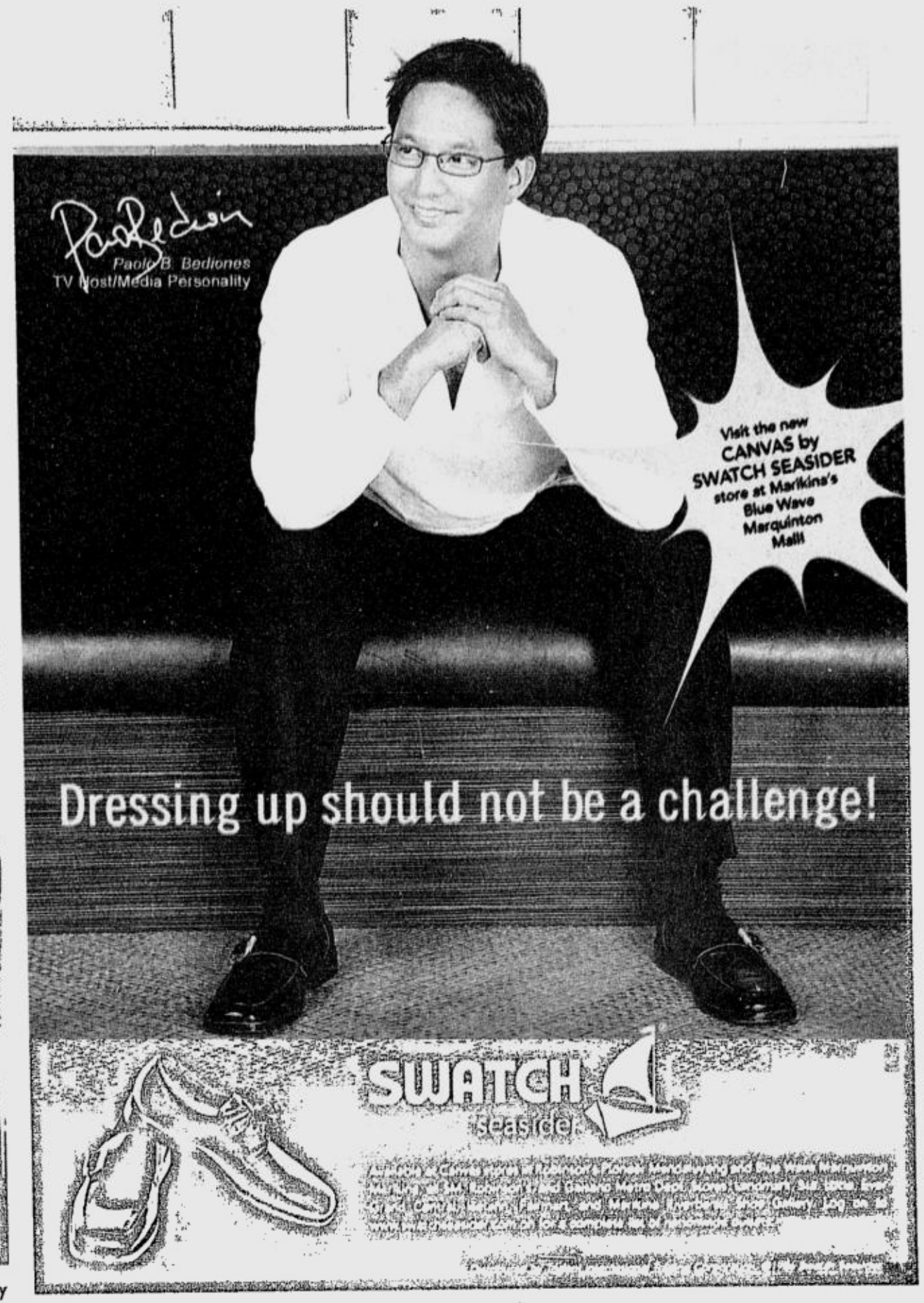

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Over the years, men and women all over the country strive to restore the vitality and effortless beauty of youthfulness. However, while cosmetic surgical techniques and procedures are constantly being improved with safer procedures that are less traumatic and more effective, we are now in a highly charged environment that it seems as if there is never enough time to do those little nagging tasks of importance, much less take a few weeks out for a surgical recovery.

To make the most out of a clinic visit, following is a potential patient's guide on what to do before, during and after the consultation with a cosmetic surgeon.

## BEFORE THE CONSULTATION

Before scheduling a consultation with a cosmetic surgeon, ask for brochures describing the doctor's practice, and develop a list of questions in order to discuss what is involved with a specific procedure. To help you on this, here are some of the guidelines to observe prior to your visit:

- Ask other medical specialists for a referral.
- Get to know as much as you can about the doctor before you make the appointment.
- Make sure the doctor is a reputable member of an organization of cosmetic surgeons who specialize and that he has documented education in performing the procedures you are considering.
- Research on the procedure you're interested in and enlist the services of someone who can help you.
- Find out in advance about the range of fees so you can be prepared to stay within your budget.

The consultation visit can run between fifteen minutes and a full hour in some cases. Even if you come back two or three times before your surgery, most doctors charge only the one consultation fee. However, consultation fees can add up if you will be seeing several doctors. Based on what you find out even before you make your appointment, you may be able to rule out some of the doctors on your list.

## DURING THE CONSULTATION

In cosmetic surgery, it is common practice for a doctor to hand you a mirror at the beginning of the consultation and ask you to show him what is bothering you. It is your responsibility to communicate your goals to the doctor. While you are not expected to know exactly what you need on your own, you should at least be able to explain as specifically as possible what you don't like about your face, body or smile, what looks different or not as good as it used to, and what you want to change or improve.

It is advisable to prepare a list of questions to bring with you to your consultation visit so you don't forget anything important to ask. Save the questions about fees, payment and scheduling for the doctor's secretary. You need to know the basics of the procedure and how they apply directly to you specifically.

Understanding the limitations of the procedure is also crucial. Skin type, degree of skin elasticity, individual healing, bone structure, general health, dental health, previous surgery to the area, and many other factors will determine to some extent the quality of the result you can expect.

## AFTER THE CONSULTATION

There is no precise formula for choosing the right surgeon for cosmetic procedures. Ultimately, you have to use your own judgment and instincts. Never go with the first or only doctor you see; always get at least a second opinion and preferably three or more before you choose. Even if you may like the first doctor you see and feel very comfortable with him, go and see at least one or two others for confirmation and comparison. After the third, you may still find you want to go with the first one you saw, but only after you see others are you really qualified to choose wisely.

Unless you feel comfortable with the doctor and what he or she is recommending for you, wait and re-think it again or see another doctor until it feels like a good fit. If it doesn't feel right, you should always continue with the interview process. Once you have narrowed down your list to two or three names, go back and see the frontrunner again. You should always see the surgeon who will be doing your actual procedure at least twice before the operation. This second meeting should leave you feeling confident that you have made a wise choice.

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Finding the right cosmetic doctor is a very personal journey. What appeals to one person, may be totally inappropriate or offensive to another. You owe it to yourself to approach cosmetic procedure like an empowered and educated consumer. Working with a legitimate cosmetic surgery consultant who can give you an impartial view on what your options are, is a worthwhile investment.

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# 1 down, 49 more to go

**By Delia Danz**
*Contributor*

IT is no wonder that people claim to leave their hearts in San Francisco. The city is beautiful. Apparently, I'm not the only one who's left body parts in that city. The Pinoy trendy store Bench did, too.

**Ben Chan** was in the West Coast recently to open the very first Bench store at the posh Serramonte Center in Daly City. The event was slated for 6:30 p.m., but way earlier the crowd started queuing up in front of the store. And around the store. And way past the other stores. There must have been 10,000 people there (mall security pegged the number at about 5,000, but I stand by my count). A mall security guard was overheard saying the Bench opening beat the crowd at a Mandy Moore promo event.

I was happy to see Filipinos, Fil-Americans, Caucasians and other nationalities milling around (if you could call it that—it was so crowded!) the store. It looked like an ad for United Nations.

One of the main attractions for the crowd—aside from the joy of being able to buy their favorite Bench stuff pronto, and not having to wait for some *balikbayan* box—was the prospect of seeing **Richard** and his love **Lucy** (yes, yes, **Gomez** and **Torres**), and the oh-so-popular and much-in-love **Kris Aquino**. Larger-than-life posters of Richard and Lucy were in the store windows, and Kris' was inside the store.

And, of course, Bench being Bench, there were more surprises up their popular I-love-Bench tee sleeve—namely **Regine Velasquez, Ogle Alcasid, Jaya, Janno Gibbs, Raymond Gutierrez, KC Montero** and

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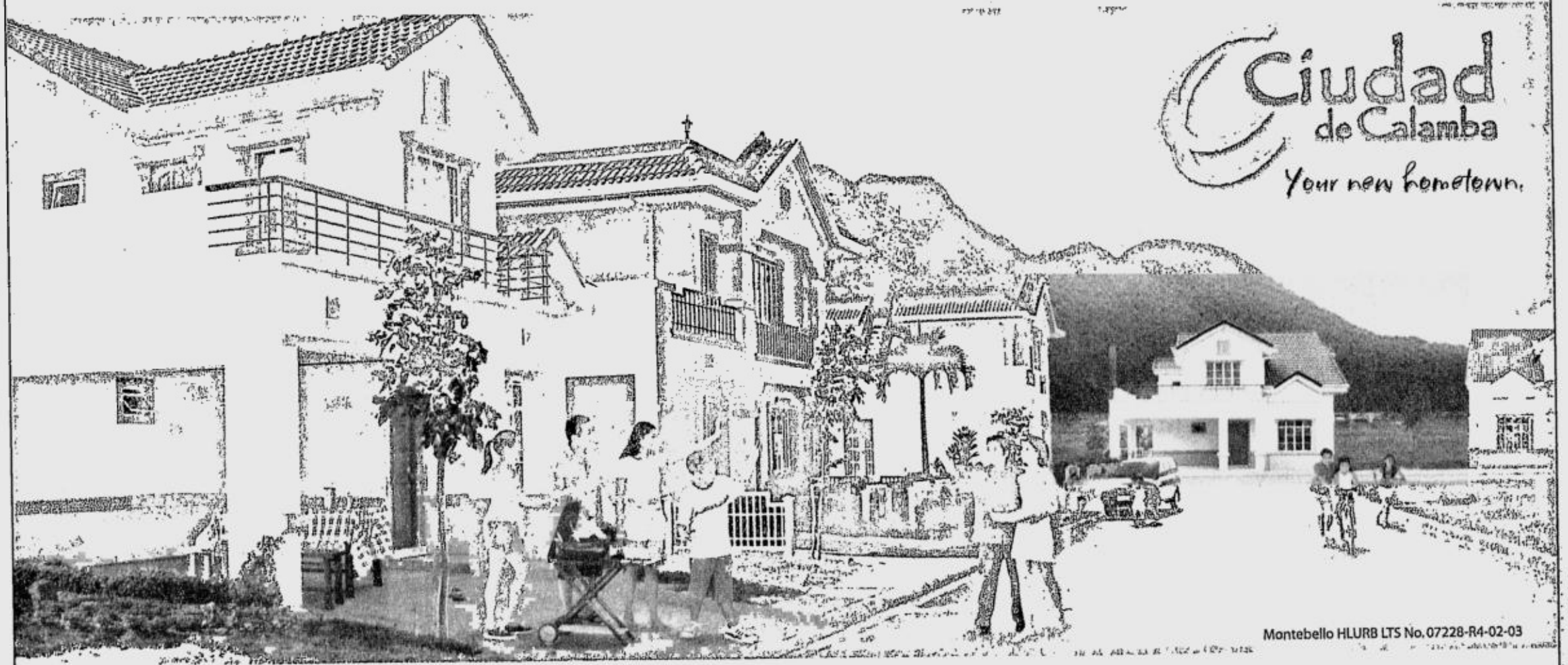


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## Daly City in the West Coast gives Bench's first US branch a rousing welcome

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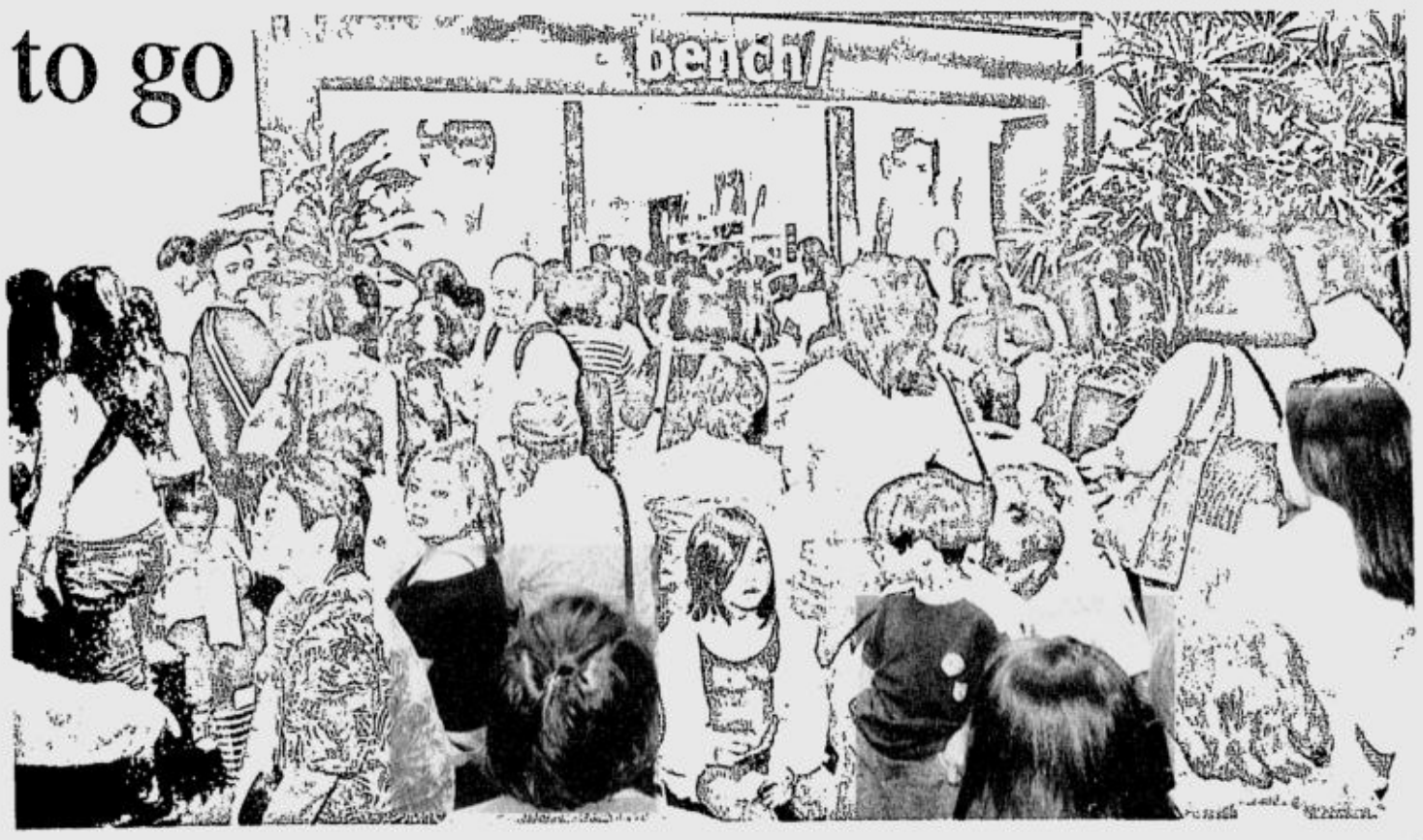
**Gabby Eigenmann.** Oh and the love of Kris' life, **James Yap.**

I echo Kris' heartfelt regret that not all those who waited hours and hours were able to have their Bench postcards autographed. But not to worry, US-based dearies. I'm sure Ben Chan is opening another store soon.

The people of Daly City were obviously happy to have Bench around. At the opening, the mayor, vice mayor and city councilors welcomed Ben and Bench. Mayor **Carol Klatt**, Vice Mayor **Miguel Guingona** (what did I tell you about Pinoys being simply everywhere in Daly City!) and councilor **Judith Christiansen** gamely posed with their bright red Bench goody bags. Speaking of goody bags, Bench added to the thrill of its customers by giving away bottles of cologne and T-shirts.

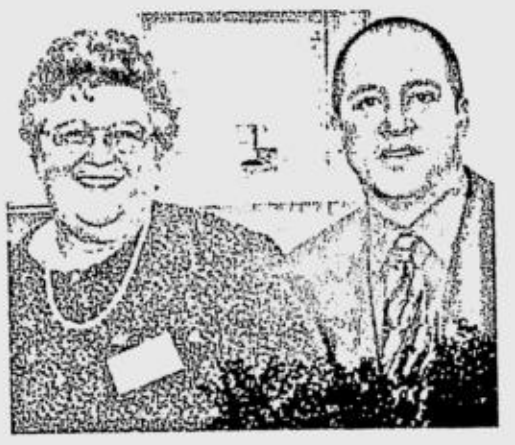



CROWD waiting to get into the store

LUCY Torres-Gomez

PAM Appleby and Richard Gomez

VIRGILIO Lim and Robert Appleby



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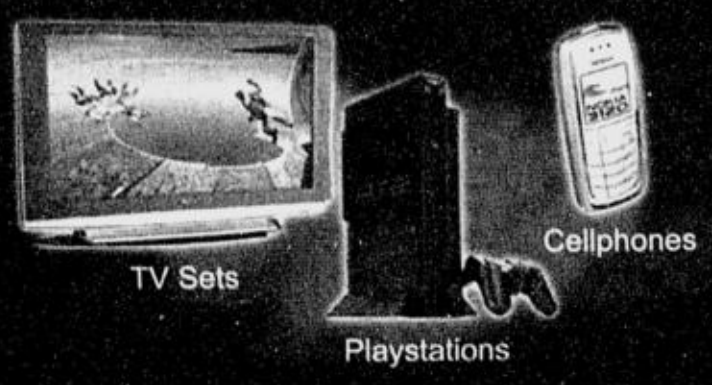


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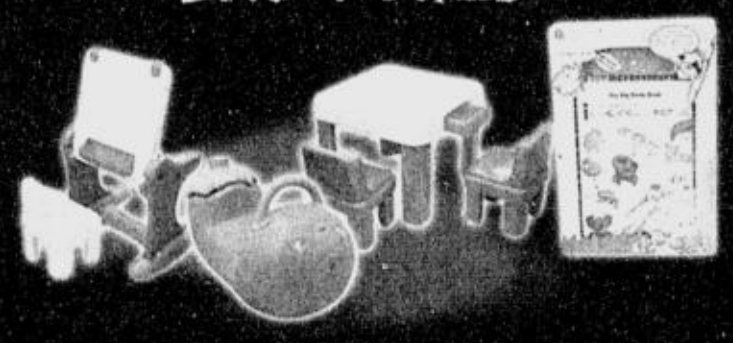

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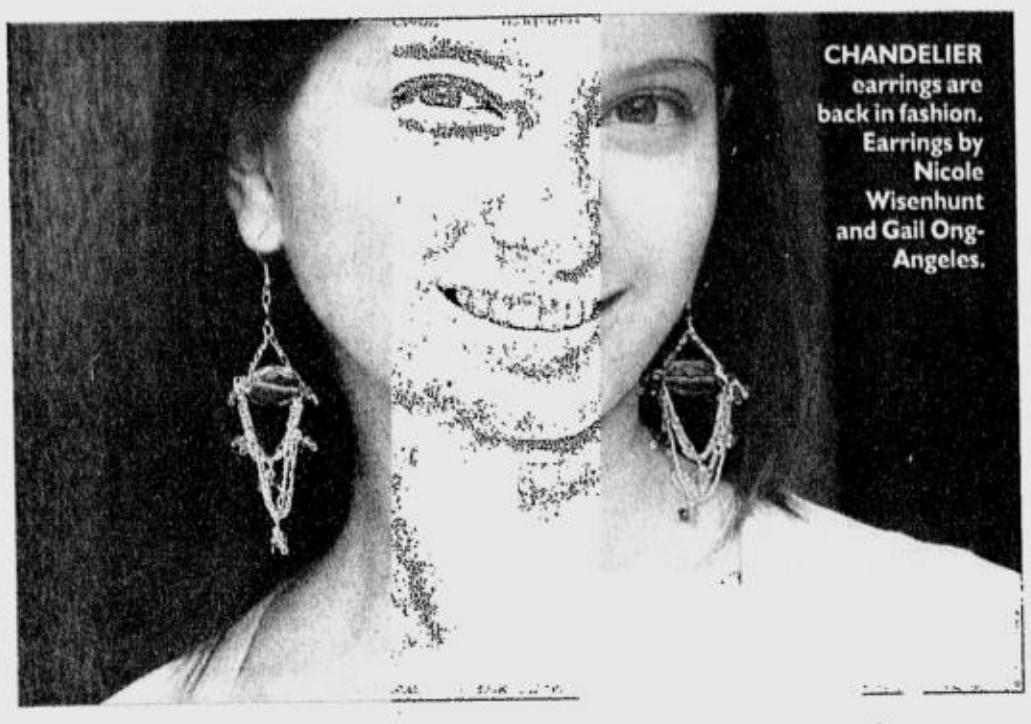

CHANDELIER earrings are back in fashion. Earrings by Nicole Wisenhunt and Gail Ong-Angeles.



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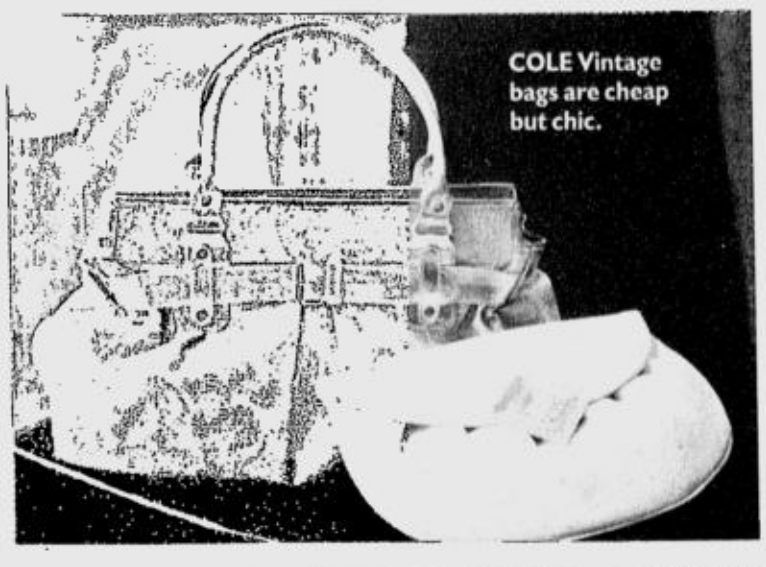


COLE Vintage bags are cheap but chic.

# Old fashion is the new find

LOOK fresh and pretty in breezy pieces such as this Adira rhinestone studded top, authentic Indian skirt, assorted glass bangles and Punjabi Jutti from Shirin for Kahzana.

APPLES' PICKINGS

*Apples Aberin-Sadhwani*

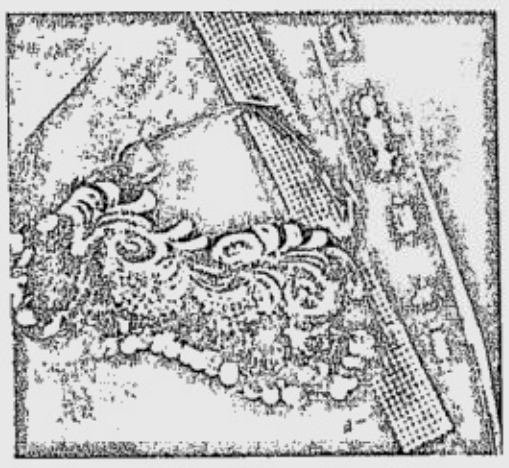
PINOYS love bazaar and *tiangge* shopping. The weekly, sometimes monthly bazaars in the NBC Tent or the World Trade Center and the almost year-round Greenhills *tiangge* are testaments to the fact.

But if you ask me, bazaars are, more often than not, run-of-the-mill affairs that offer just about the same things, from export overruns to home-baked goodies, faux purses, shoes and accessories.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy scouring the bazaars and *tiangges* just as much as, well, everyone else. It's just that sometimes I long for an honest-to-goodness flea market that offers unusual, one-of-a-kind finds.

Shopping should be fun, after all. Plus, it should be an adventure of sorts, where you don't exactly know what to expect and you feel your heart beating in anticipation of a treasure you just might unearth.

Fortunately, we don't have to go to some exotic locale to experience such a high. The Power Plant Mall's Vintage Bazaar promises to be one such shopping experience. Fashioned after Asian markets, the much touted affair will feature the best Bohemian, Moroccan and Indian-theme classic, chic, hard-to-find items. And as the title suggests, fashionable vintage pieces will also be up for grabs during the two-day affair scheduled on Aug. 27 and 28 at the Rockwell Tent.



GO glam with Amina Aranaz's beaded bag and New Yorker's embellished sashes.

The bazaar will also feature an interesting mix of established names like New Yorker and upcoming trendsetters such as Amina Aranaz, Tina Navarro of Ilaya and Nicolette Bell of Label, among others. Avid shoppers will definitely delight in this merry mix of style merchants.

To whet your appetite, here's a sneak peek at what you'll find at the Vintage Bazaar. Happy treasure hunting, one and all!

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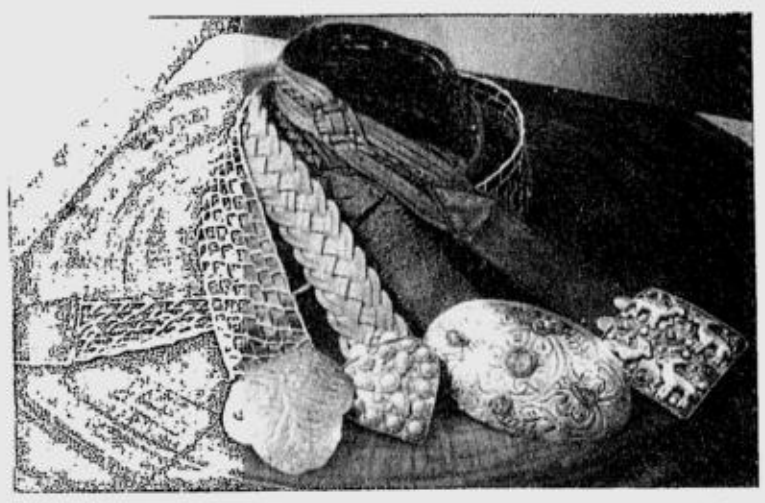

THESE leather belts with unusual buckles from Shirin for Kahzana are definitely fab finds!

SHOW-OFF your dainty feet in these exotic leg charms from Shirin for Kahzana.

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A RECENT magazine promo made me realize how a growing number of women—and men—have what can be called the "Belo syndrome."

The syndrome isn't an illness but an obsession—to have a makeover. Our magazine marketing staff invited readers to write in and say why they want a makeover by **Vicki Belo**'s Medical Group; the letter senders chosen would get a P100,000 free makeover. We weren't prepared for the deluge of entries, but what was even more surprising to me was the demographics of the senders. We got a letter from a girl as young as 18, would you believe, and as old as 58.

We even got letters from men.

This feedback confirmed what I suspected all along: the lure of a beauty fix—or even surgical procedure like liposuction—cuts across ages even among Filipinas. I remember Vicki saying that even women in their 20s go to plastic surgeons to have some beauty procedures done, commonly noselift or breast augmentation.

Then there's liposuction that's as common these days as a fad diet, although Filipino women readily admitting to it are not that common.

Beauty fixes, makeovers or cosmetic surgery are no longer limited to older women. The older teen market, the twentysomething on to the thirtysomething are going through them because they want to look "beautiful" or "more beautiful." Of course, advocate groups challenge or debunk the commercial notions of beauty, but this column isn't about that; we can take that up another time.

The point is, in this era, beauty fixes and cosmetic surgery don't carry a stigma anymore. As Vogue said, not only don't women hide their cosmetic procedures anymore, they even flaunt them. They literally go to lunch with them, simply because these quick-fix procedures are just that—quick, over in an hour or so.

According to Vogue, more than one million people in the US had botox and chemical peels last year, and 858,000 had microdermabrasion. Vogue calls America a Makeover Nation—a tag which can apply to any country these days, from Japan to Korea, from China to even the Philippines.

## Why go for procedures?

Why are consumers buying these beauty procedures? Because they're there—a simple and obvious reason. Beauty and cosmetic technology is taking great strides, doing no less than revolutionary turns. Media are there to report it, promote it—and cash in on it. The lifestyle is there to warrant these quick fixes. One letter sender to our promo said she wants a makeover "because my job entails it. I face so many people." Another letter writer said she would be a bride soon and thus needed to cram her beauty regimen.

Vogue calls it the "cosmetic-dermatology revolution"—a phenomenon which, ironically, puts many conventional and mainstream cosmetic surgeons and dermatologists in a protesting mood, if not in a bind. "I still go for the knife—there's no other more permanent facelift," a plastic surgeon told me a few weeks ago, explaining why he scoffs at laser procedures and other quick fixes. He also is of the school that believes that the medical profession, including his field of cosmetic surgery, is not to be promoted like, say, lipstick.

But then plastic surgeons such as my friend are going against the tide of this marketing era. Doctors and beauty entrepreneurs like Belo invested a fortune not only in their craft, but also in their equipment and technology. The message has to be delivered, by whatever media, to the market.

Right now the market is inundated with products and treatments. Skin-whitening and age-defying formula are only the tip of the heap. From botox, power peel to liposuction, the menu is expanding, almost on a monthly basis, to include mesotherapy, lipolite, lipodissolve, Intense Pulse Light, Aptos Thread (the facelift that uses no knife, just thread), Aurora, the whole range of laser treatments, and the list goes on and on that I honestly have lost track of the regular innovations.

## Latest vogue

The latest vogue now in Manila is Thermage—a face- and skin-lift that uses laser, which is done in only an hour. It leaves one with a smooth, fine and adequately tightened skin. It costs a six-figure sum, and women are lining up because it is non-surgical (it uses radio frequency) and requires no recovery time.

Just the other day a friend was waxing ecstatic to me about a procedure he/she just had—"lipo" on the cheeks. He/she didn't want *siopao* cheeks so he/she decided on this novel procedure where the incision is inside your mouth, on the inner walls of your cheeks, so there's no scar at all.

Vogue reports on yet another offering, this time from the foremost New York dermatologist, Patricia Wexler, which is literally "light in a bottle." Wexler is among the dermatologists with an almost "cult-like" (Vogue's word) following who have been tapped by such firms as Bath & Body Works to produce lines for them.

In this sea of offerings, a woman has the choice of either swimming right into it or just passing it all up and staying ashore—with one's flabs and wrinkles (who's complaining?). People say that once you cross the line, so to speak, and take the plunge, everything follows so easily. Botox today, lipo tomorrow, yet another lipo the next day... you get the idea. This means that for some women, it can get addictive. There's really such a creature as a plastic-surgery junkie.

Honestly, I haven't yet crossed the line to swim into this ocean of miracle treatments. I've gone only as far as power peel and Intense Pulse Light (laser for skin). Not even botox.

But so many women, including me, could find lipo so tempting. The thought crosses my mind now and then, but then I sit down to lunch with **Tina Juan**, glance at her well-toned arms, almost flat abs, then I say, "I can do it without lipo—yet."

In case you don't get it yet, the "Belo syndrome" is the urge to get a makeover—whatever degree, drastic or not—and to have a beauty fix. It's the cure to your so-called beauty "problems."

But then what is the cure to the cure?

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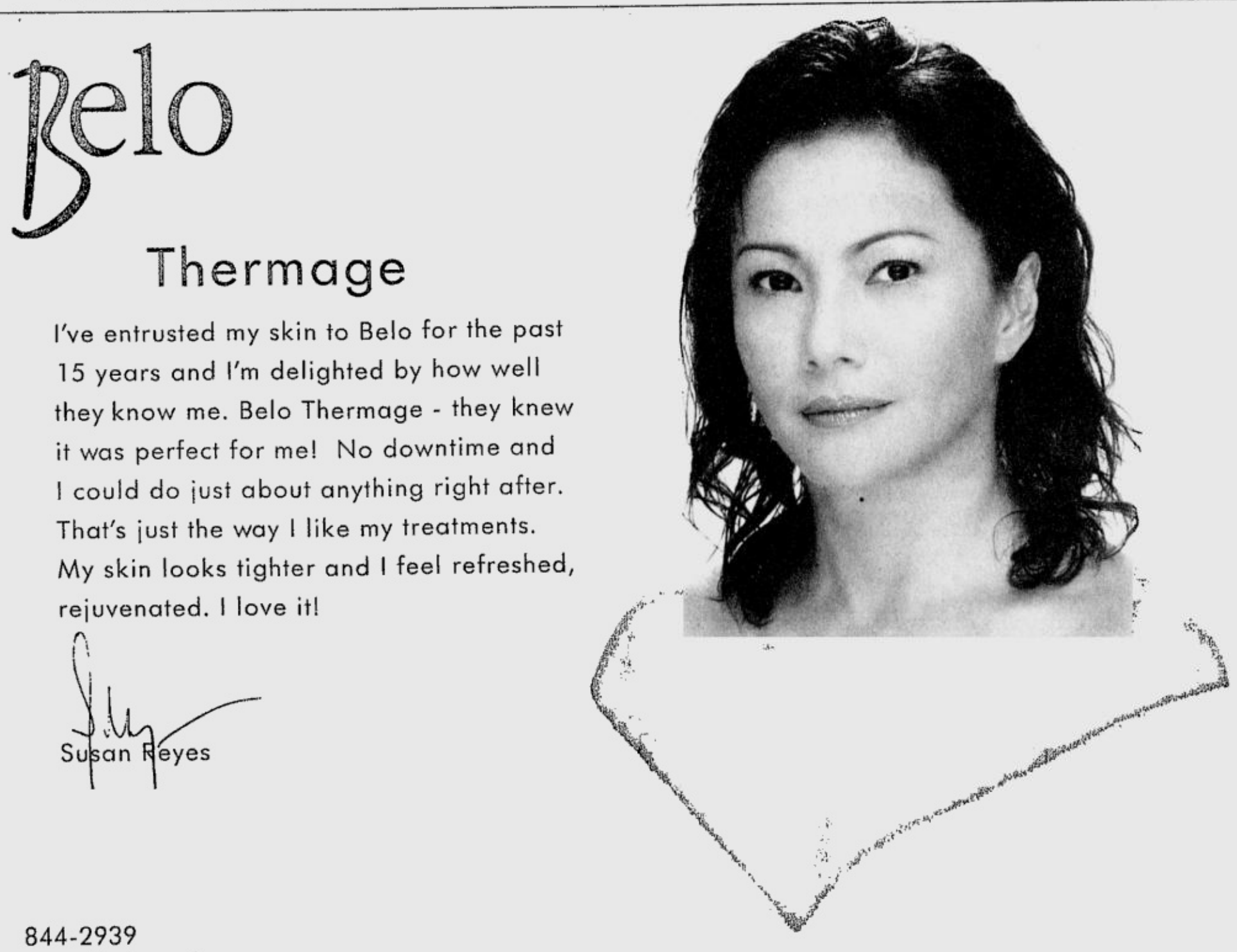

TOMORROW'S hip set with Belen Ticzon-Martel and Antonio V. Martel Jr.: RB Achacoso, Jules del Rosario, Mae del Rosario, Anne Achacoso, Antonia Martel, Isabel Francisco, Pepel Santos and Caroline Atanacio

HOSTS Belen and Antonio with some invitees from the Big Apple: Sylvia and Tony Cuaycong, Butch Achacoso, Lorna del Rosario, Olga Achacoso, Beth Canlas, Aster Arguelles, Remy and Benny de Leon

THE MARTELS with Fred Atanacio, Emma and Henry Villa-Real, Norma Sanders, Josie Fernandez, Juliet Ticzon, Irene Puyat Martel and husband Dr. Randy Francisco

# Birthday lunch at old Dutch homestead

(SEATED) Merl Tantoco Pineda, Tata Poblador, and Vivian Uy; and (standing) Susie Quiros, Dolly Galang, Helen Ong, Giging Garcia and Meking Chua

SINCE he is spending more time in the US of A these days, **Don Antonio V. Martel Jr.**, hotshot president of Harrison Plaza, celebrated his once-a-year big day at the Stony Hill Inn, Hackensack, New Jersey, which is one of the few remaining Dutch homesteads in that area, *palanggas*.

Built in 1818 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places of the United States, Stony Hill Inn is an excellent restaurant, renowned for its fab Italian place, Dinallo's Restaurant, which serves lunch and dinner in uniquely decorated rooms.

Present during the birthday lunch were **Antonia Willie Fernandez**, **Alan Fernandez** and his favorite gal, **Tracy**, **Al del Rosario**, **Ralph Achocoso**, **Mike Arguelles**, and **Don and Norma Sanders**.

Three weeks before Don Martel's big day, **Antonia Martel**, who's a Fordham University student taking up Communication Arts and Media Studies, celebrated her 21st birthday, with a superb lunch at the popular Benihana Resto.

Present were her parents and her gang—**Brandon Bitanga**, **Gabe Santos**, **Chinkee**, **Lelei** and **Sansan Clemente**, **Pepel** and **Portia Santos**, **Mat Koppe**—as well as her aunt, **Juliet Ticzon** , and **Willie** and **Josie Fernandez**.

At Don Antonio's lunch, entertaining endlessly the guests was his wife, Southern lady **Belen Lovina Ticzon**, executive VP of Harrison Plaza.

The celebrator's daughter, Harrison Plaza's senior VP and Philippine Tatler's hotshot publisher **Irene Martel Francisco**, with her husband, renowned cardiologist Dr. **Randy Francisco**, and their daughter **Isabel**, all jetted to New York to be with Don Antonio on his special day, dahlings.

And hey, only last week, young and pretty **Antonia Martel** opened her trendy boutique at HP, simply called, Gotham, *palanggas*.

Here's to more super birthdays, Don Martel!

MON TANTOCO, Bobby and Lulu Trinidad, Justa Tantoco, Alice and Mike Guerrero

MANDARIN Oriental Hotel's well-loved first couple Helmut and Vina Gaisberger

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ENTREPRENEUR Fe Reyes, knit queen Lulu Tan-Gan, and Agnes Huibonhoa, newly appointed honorary consul of Republic of The Gambia

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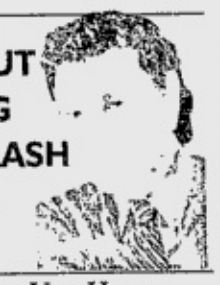
## Ballroom fundraiser

The dynamic women of Venture 7—**Celine Bautista**, Monaco Consul **Fortune Ledesma**, **Pili Aquino**, **Chit Gohu**, **Fanny Blanco**, **Lita Gelano** and **Linda Villadelgado**—had a smashing success with their "Let's Twist Again" fund-raising project at the ballroom of the elegant Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

The hottest bands such as the Spirit of '67, Bloomsfield and Elderly Brothers rocked the dance floor.

The dance affairs benefited several charities: the Mahaveer Foundation (which provides artificial legs); Virlanie Foundation (which assists juvenile delinquents in correction houses); Immaculate Conception Church in San Felipe, Zambales; Kalikasan Vigilantes-Ambil Balatoan, which is into marine conservation; and Makabata Foundation, which has feeding centers for poor children.

The ballroom was totally full with 1960s music and dance aficionados such as Dr. **Sonny Ong** and his wife, fashionable **Helen O.**, **Trina Kalaw**, **Joey Soriano**, **Marge Ortiz Luis**, **Bert Galano**, **Mabel Abano**, **Baby Tan**, **Bobby** and **Lulu Trinidad**, **Anabelle Adriano**, brilliant architect **Gerry Contreras**, **Meking** and **Lani Chua**, entrepreneur **Noel Bautista**, **Albert Garcia**, dancing couple **Tina** and **Vince Carlos**, and **Bebot Laurel**.



**WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH**

*Maurice Arcache*

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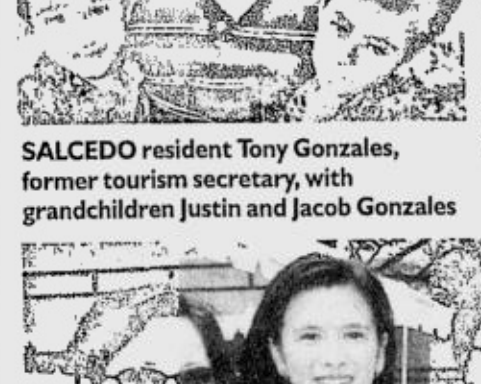


THE GALS' next project is the Christmas Bazaar on Oct. 9 and Dec. 4 at the InterContinental Hotel. Call 8103307, 8188468 or 3722083-84.

## Saturday market

Last Saturday, *palanggas*, the Salcedo Community Market celebrated its first anniversary with live entertainment, raffle prizes, discounts and promos.

A marching band and Ati-atihan dance group around the Jaime Velasquez Park woke up the residents that morning.

Bel-Air's hardworking barangay chair **Nene Lichauco** said "the Salcedo Community Market had grown from a modest 27 tables to more than a hundred—each vendor with distinctive, hard-to-find products that shoppers regularly seek out and patronize."

Nene was there the entire day, giving out raffle prizes and entertaining the guests of honor, Makati Mayor **Jejomar Binay** and his wife, Dr. **Elenita Sombillo Binay**.

**Lisa Ongpin Periquet** and **Trickie Colayco Lopa** are behind the weekend food and plant market.

Having a fab Saturday were regular shoppers such as Makati Rep. **Teddy Boy Locsin** and wife, **Louie Barcelon**, Makati councilor **King Yabut**, Barangay Dasmariñas chair **Carrie Legaspi**, **Chuchu Eduque**, lawyer **Duane Santos** and his wife, gorgeous **Mandy de la Rama**, and even Rep. **Tony Boy Floirendo**, on a rare early Saturday morning out.

Makati Commercial Estate Association Inc. (Macea) president **Adolfo Duarte** was beaming in the company of his granddaughter **Rocio**, and son, **Ramon**.

Other Macea officials in the market were **Jimmy Matias** and **Toto Cruz**, whose wife, **Bessie**, is at the helm of the Kapampangan section of the market called Mekeni Abel.

Check out the awesome Saturday market in Salcedo Village, and the Sunday market in Legaspi Village, *palanggas*.

MEMBERS of Barangay Bel-Air volunteer group: Tricia Warren Lichauco, Trichie Colayco Lopa, Marc Medina, Lisa Ongpin Periquet and Ana Mayoralgo Zalamea

CHIQUI Laurel Banzon, in glittering headdress, with her yummy Indonesian and Chinese food and popular flavored iced teas

FORMER Central Bank governor Jaime Laya, Bobby Bachmann and architect Tonichi Mendoza

MIA Borromeo and Lizzie Zobel with daughters Mercedes and Eugenia Zobel

MARYLOU Prieto, with Peachy Prieto, checks out *buntal* hats from Quezon at Gary Fajardo's bromeliad section

VENTURE 7'S Pili Aquino, Chit Gohu, Fortune Ledesma, Celine Bautista, Lita Gelano, Linda Villadelgado and Fanny Blanco

EYE-CATCHER Nympha Yatco, Bulgari Phils. main man Mario Katigbak and fun Gigi Reyes

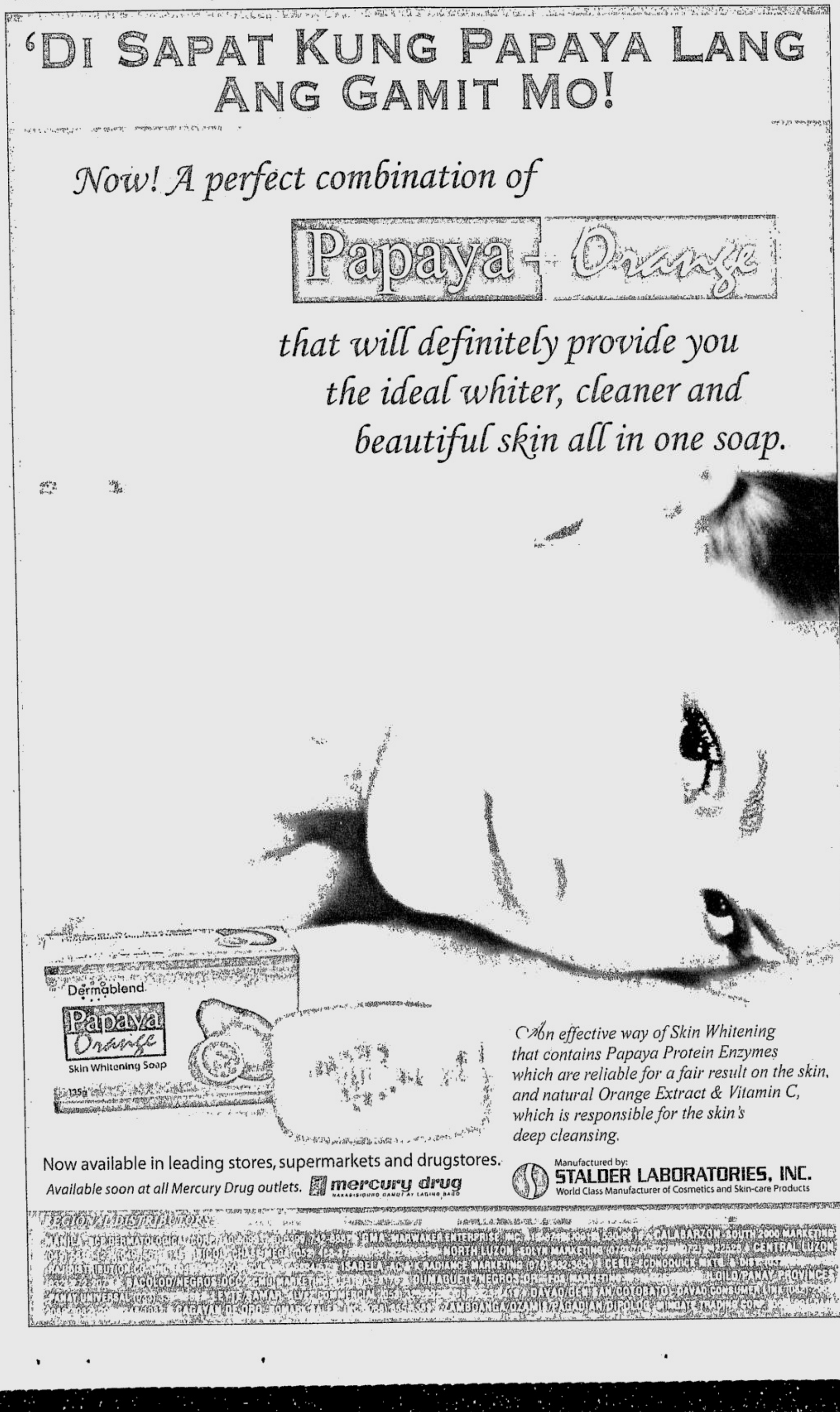
MAKATI'S dynamic Mayor Jejomar Binay says Barangay Bel-Air is the "cultural center of Makati."

# WHITENING WITH PAPAYA IS NOT ENOUGH...TRY ORANGE

In this era where status symbol is synonymous with white complexion, the need for products to achieve a whiter skin in the fastest way possible emerges. Thus, marketing campaign from a lot of consumer products promises instant result. In the Papaya soap category alone, a lot of players appear to have what it takes to achieve that fine color most Filipinos are not gifted with. Product innovations have been made not only to offer consumers the best way to whiten skin but more focus was given to moisturizing it as well.

Stalder Laboratories, Inc. one of the leading manufacturers of skin care products developed the newest breakthrough in superior skin whitening, the **DERMABLEND PAPAYA ORANGE SKIN WHITENING SOAP**. This product offers consumer the whitening benefit of Papain Enzyme and the moisturizing effect of Orange. **Dermablend Papaya Orange Skin Whitening Soap** is the only Papaya Soap in the Market with Orange extract and Vitamin C.

Unlike ordinary papaya soaps in the market, **Dermablend Papaya Orange Skin Whitening Soap** uses not just papaya extract but Papain Enzyme. These enzymes have been shown to inhibit the melanin formation to give you a fairer, whiter complexion. It has a proteolytic effect which reduces the signs of premature aging by eliminating dead skin cells and accelerating the formation of new ones.




In addition to Papain Enzyme, **Dermablend Papaya Orange Skin Whitening Soap** contain Sweet Orange, It has been recognized to help a dull, oily complexion, and also balances oil production in dry skin. It tends to increase perspiration, so it helps release or flush out toxins from blemished skin.

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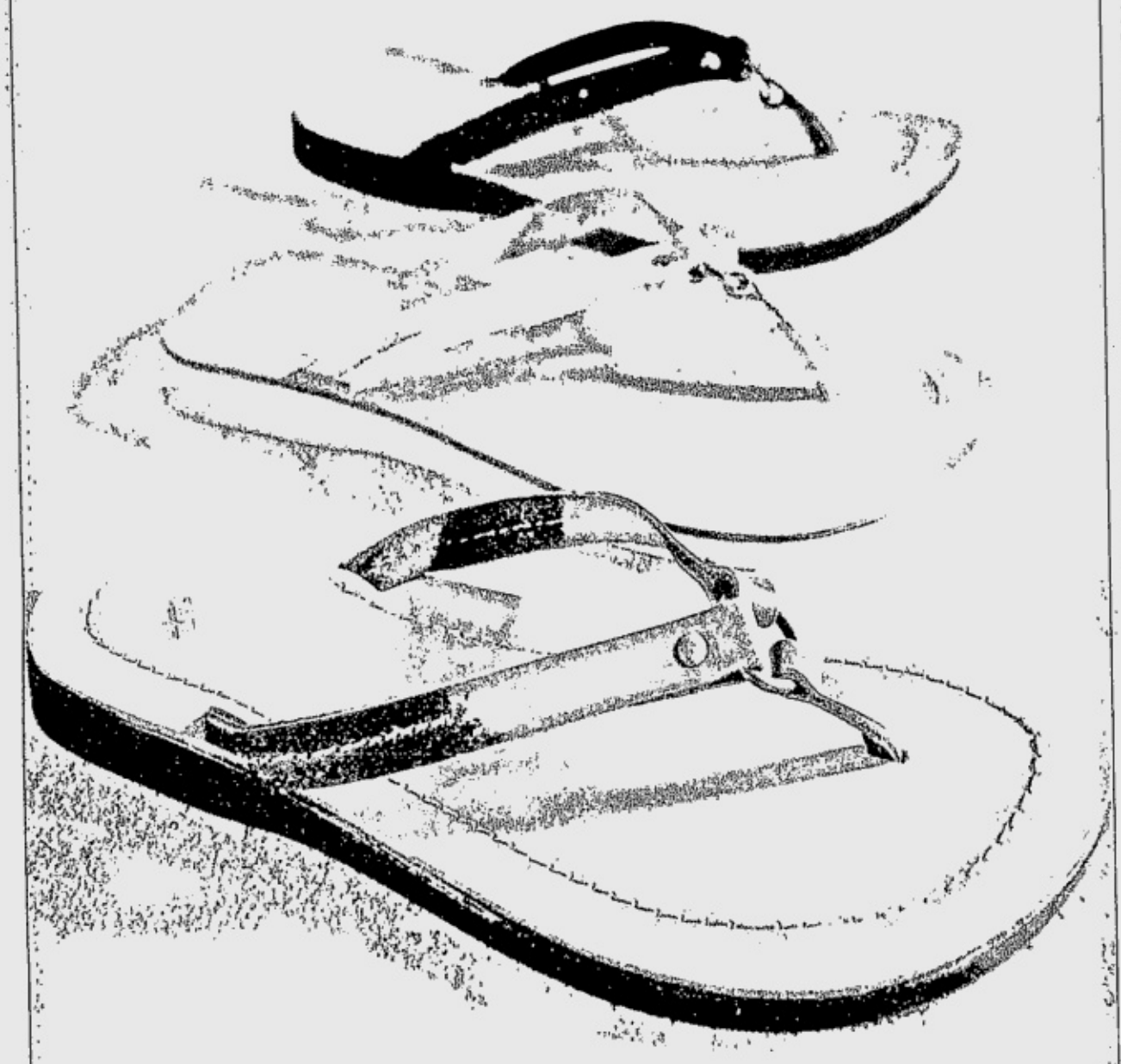

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# Big bargains this August

**MAKEOVER 911**

*Kinny Salas*

HAVE I discovered a good deal for you, guys! There are two major ones I feel are worth mentioning for the beauty addicts out there.

First, the Belo Medical group is celebrating its 15th anniversary by giving a 20-percent discount on its laser hair-removal services till the end of August. If you pay for the entire program of six to eight sessions (depending on the area) in advance before the end of the month, the entire bill will reflect the discount. The best part is if hair stops growing entirely before the sessions are completed the balance is convertible to other treatments like facials, Cosmecanique or my favorite Microdermabrasion Power or Jet Peel.

Having undergone laser hair removal myself, I have found the treatments of the underarm and bikini areas yielding the most value. I no longer have qualms about wearing sleeveless or a bathing suit whenever I want. For inquiries, call 8442939.

My second discovery is the NARS palettes. It really does pay to wait because although NARS is a super brand, it has reduced its prices further. The prices of Skin Deep and American Beauty Palettes, which I consider very worthwhile purchases because I can use all the colors, have gone down from P4,450 to P3,850.

Those who have been dyeing their hair for years to cover gray hairs may find that the buildup of black or dark brown color leaves their hair dry and dull. Well, lucky you, I found something from the grocery that's very affordable. Sunsilk Black shine shampoo moisturizes stiff and over-colored or naturally dry, frizzy hair. It has a great blueberry-like scent and has a violet lather, but it does not stain towels or clothes. Your hair becomes manageable; it becomes shiny with no mess.

## Masquerade

Unleash your inner diva: All glamour, drama, seduction and mystery! Shu Uemura doesn't have anything in the sale rack for me, but its new fall/winter collection called Masquerade leaves my mouth dry in anticipation.

My makeup personality was never the subtle variety. This is for those who are not fainthearted and know they belong to the time of masquerade balls, "Moulin Rouge" and the enchanted "Lord of the Rings" universe.

My choices were the Purple Masquerade eye shadow, which is half-purple and half-brown with shimmer; it really flatters the dark Asian hair, eyes and creamy skin. The forest-green and charcoal Feathers Rhapsody comes a close second. The eye lashes are in full force in the Feather Lashes in Black Full, but those of you who want something more wearable may opt for Feather Lashes Black Long or Mini.

My focus is the eye area and everything else stays subtle. I picked the P Peach 42 blush for my pale skin and Lolishine lipstick in 140, a sheer natural red which looks like you bit your lips sore or drank cherry Kool Aid.

For very special occasions (I am trying to save mine for New Year or Christmas) I intend to wear the Swarovski stick-on crystals on the brow, forehead, shoulders or chest area.

When placed on strategic areas there is nothing so eye-catching as when the light hits them. In my current all-over skin-whitening mode, my fingers and toes look sinfully sexy in C111 polish, a quick-drying deep maroon.

I am aware most of you have jobs that require certain boundaries in creativity and self-expression, so please limit the use of certain accessories, namely the lashes and crystals for evenings. The rest of the collection can be worn during the day and just added on to for evenings.

Also check out: 1) the XTR Protector SPF 50++ sun block, which has been keeping me from getting darker (it may be successfully combined with the entire Shu whitening program), and 2) Limited-edition eyelash curlers. The famous curlers come in elegant matte black and flamboyant 24-karat gold, which is the most expensive, of course.

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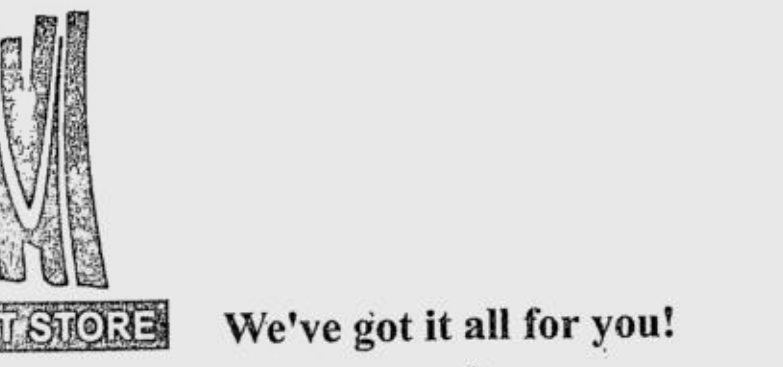


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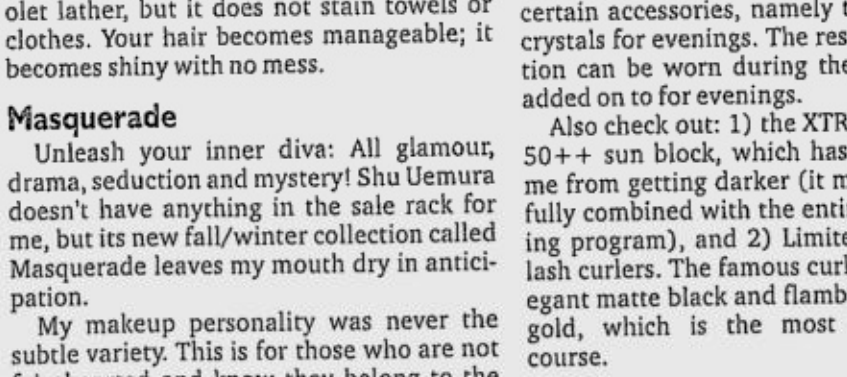


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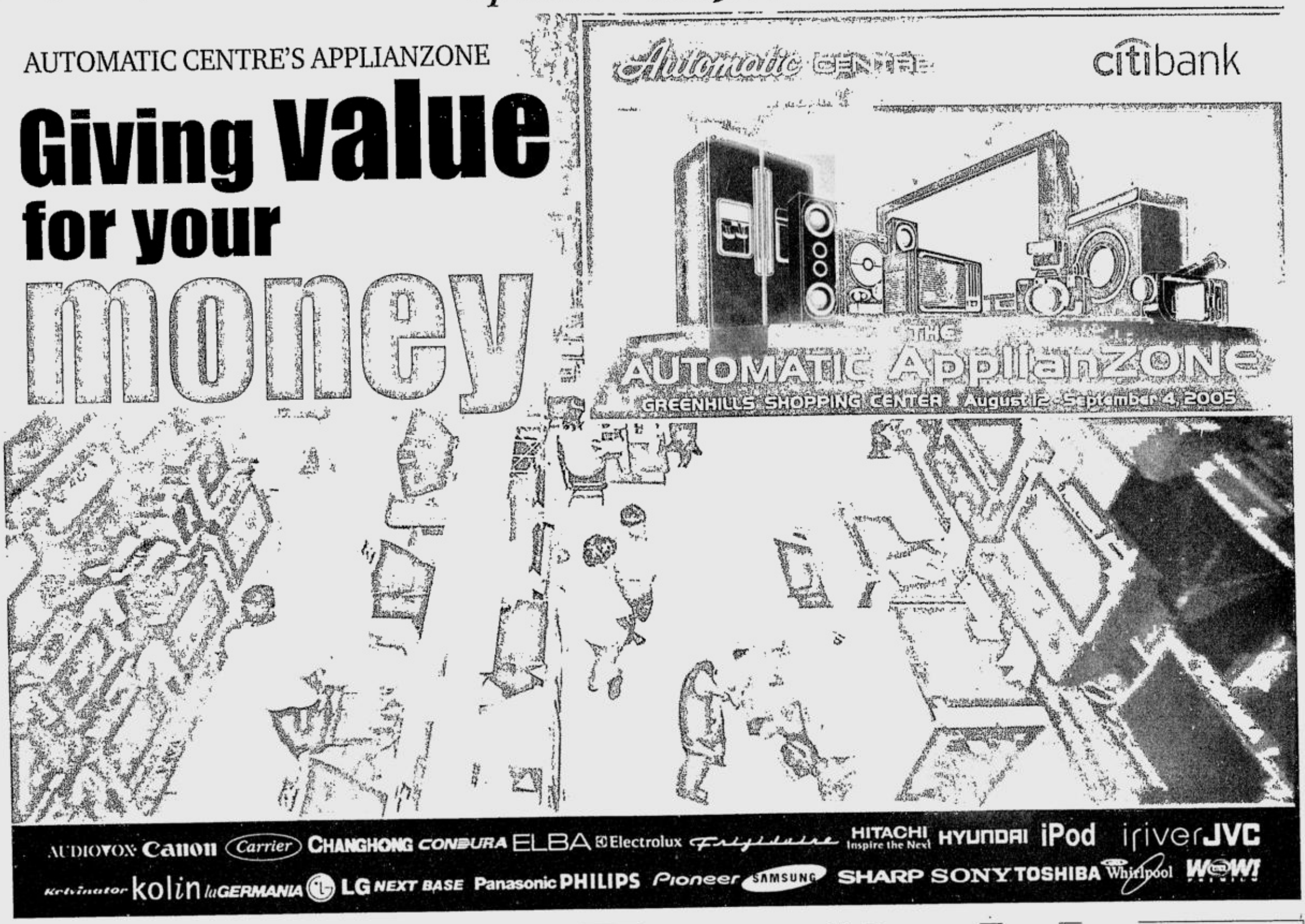


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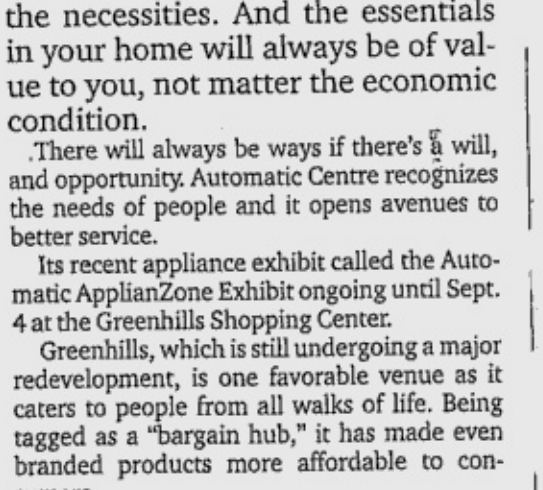

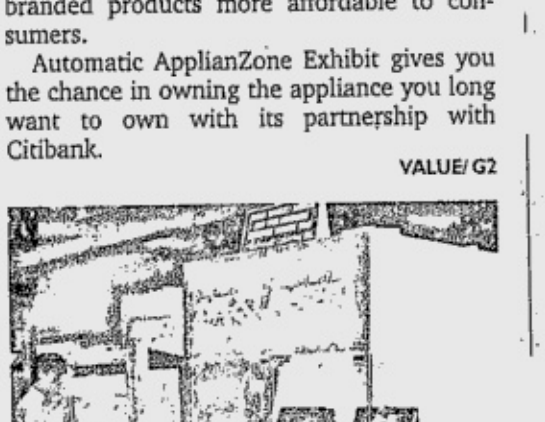

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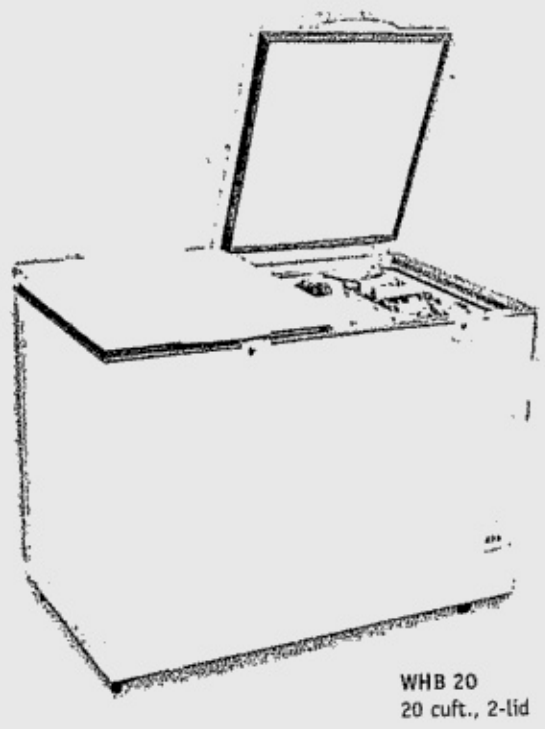

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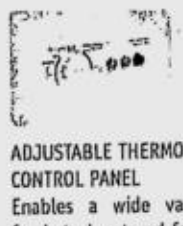

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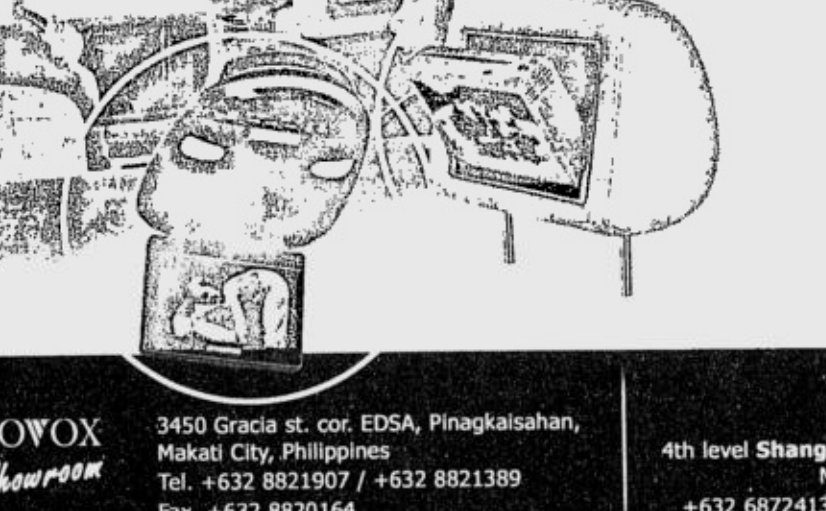

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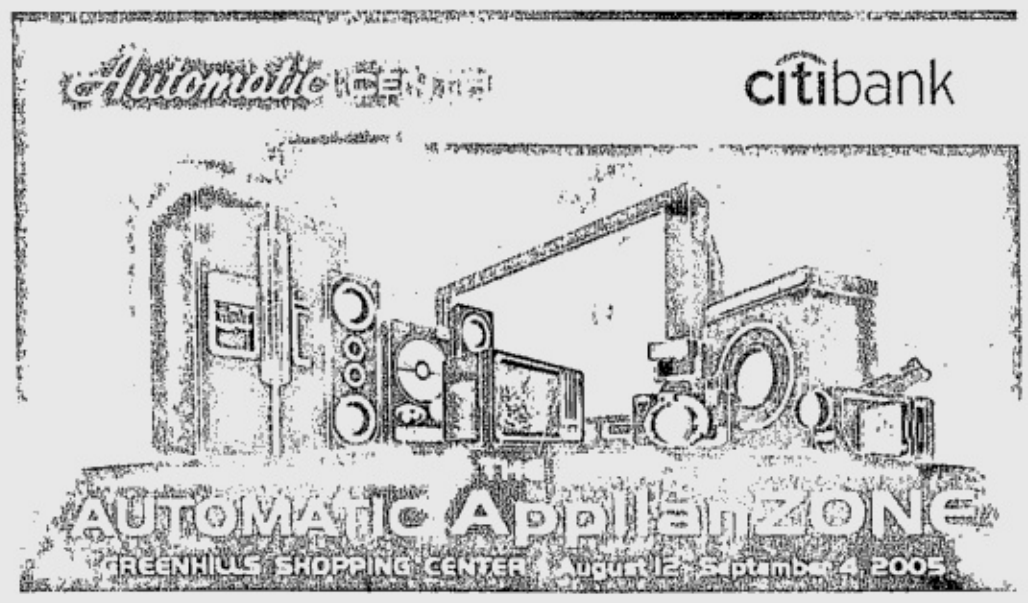


# Giving value for your money

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The exhibit once again features the zoning concept where products or categories are grouped together instead of the usual exhibit of by brands. The zoning concept is matched with the idea of color-coding. By focusing on a specific product in a zone, consumers are given the opportunity to compare the specifications of each product from different brands. Each brand has something special to offer and customers can decide which of them most suits their preference. Zoning also helps consumers save time because they would only go to the zone where the appliance they want to check out or intend to buy is located.

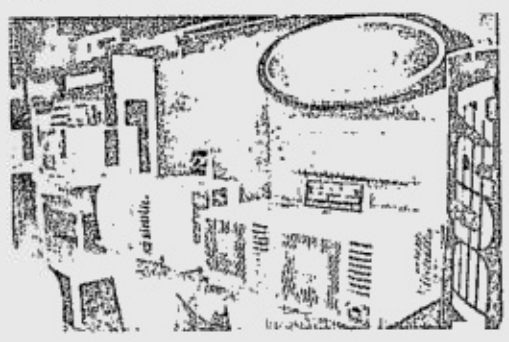
Shoppers may not have the convenience of going from store to store to look for the items they want. Appliance exhibits not only allow potential customers to have wider choices; it also gives them good deals. It helps the customers appreciate the fact they are able to find products easily.

## 0% interest

Affordability has become a major factor and a major concern these days. Citibank, with its PayLite scheme, allows shoppers avail themselves of 0 percent interest of up to 24 months.

Own the latest DVD players, plasma, LCD, DLP and projection TVs, air conditioners, washing machines, gas ranges, microwave ovens, refrigerators and a whole range of home appliance and hip gadgets using your Citibank credit card. PayLite is available to Citibank Silver Visa or MasterCard, Citibank Gold Visa or MasterCard, Citibank Cathay Pacific Visa, Shell-Citibank MasterCard, Citibank Clear Card, Citibank Cash Back Card, Mercury Drug Citibank Visa and Citibank Visa Platinum cardholders. Payment terms range from three months to as long as 24 months, with fixed and low add-on rates.

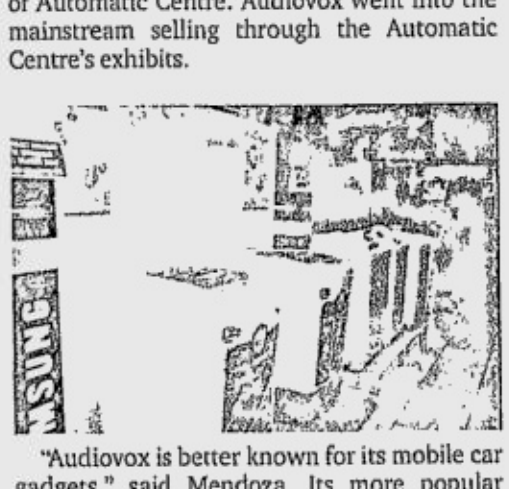
The convenience does not end there. Get a free windbreaker jacket for a minimum single receipt purchase of P8,000 and don't forget to check out the other freebies of selected brands as well.



## Partners

Audiovox is a fairly new member of the brands that showcase their best of the best wares in the exhibit in Greenhills. It is a New York-based company which was brought here in the Philippines by Satellite Vehicle Inc.

Bobby Mendoza, marketing manager, Satellite Vehicle Inc exclusive distributor of Audiovox in the Philippines believes in this effort of Automatic Centre. Audiovox went into the mainstream selling through the Automatic Centre's exhibits.




"Audiovox is better known for its mobile car gadgets," said Mendoza. Its more popular product segment is the portable personal gadgets. Its lineup are mainly car accessories, alarms, navigational system, installed video monitors, DVD players. They also do customized products for different vehicles. To make it more affordable to a lower market segment, it gives 0-percent interest for up to 12 months payment through Automatic.

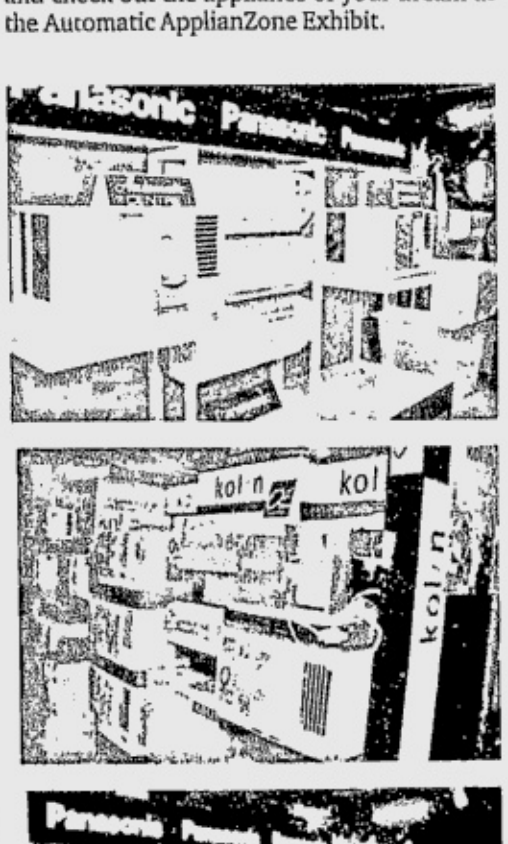
And when you're feeling the heat of the economic crunch, you can turn to Kolin Home Appliances, with its top-selling air conditioners. It also offers a wide variety of home appliances. Check out their window-type, split-type, and package-type air conditioners, personal, large-size, showcase chillers, and chest freezers refrigerators, electric fans, televisions, DVD players, and other small appliances.

To complete your dream kitchen is the Whirlpool Microwave Oven family with its latest called the Max 18. Max 18 boasts of a breakthrough patented Whirlpool 3D microwave technology that provides even heat distribution and ultimate performance. It has a unique Jet Defrost function allowing it to defrost at full power -- up to 6 times faster than traditional low-wattage defrosting. The Max 18 also possesses exceptional space-saving dimensions which allows it to fit easily into small or corner spaces but still retains the same spacious interior as other regular microwave ovens. The Max 18 is recipient of the prestigious French "Janus" Award for most innovative microwave oven design worldwide.

Automatic Centre's Geoffrey Lim also highlights the availability of hip gadgets that appeal mostly to the young and the technology-conscious consumers. Digital cameras, MP3 players, the i-Pod and shuffle, and a lot more.

Other participating brands include Canon, Carrier, Changhong, Condura, Elba, Electrolux, Frigidaire, Hitachi, Hyundai, i-Pod, iRiver, JVC, Kelvinator, Kolin, La Germania, LG, Next Base, Panasonic, Philips, Pioneer, Samsung, Sharp, Sony, Toshiba, and Wow Magic Sing.

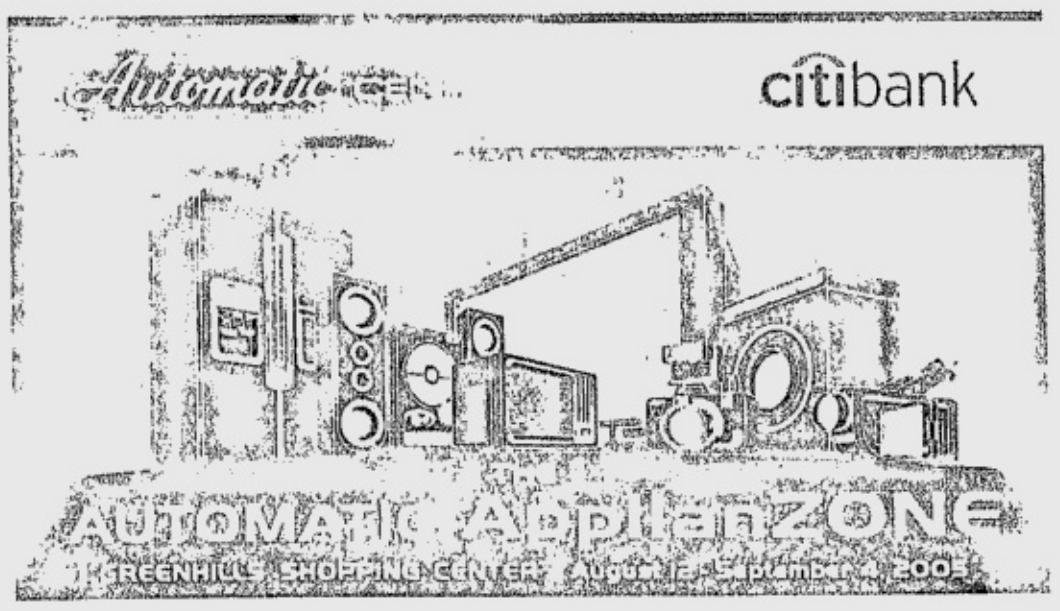
Head to Greenhills Shopping Center now and check out the appliance of your dream at the Automatic ApplianZone Exhibit.



## THE AUTOMATIC APPLIANZONE

More great deals at Central Plaza, Greenhills Shopping Center

| ITEM | CASH | 3 mos | 6 mos | 12 mos | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| La Germania Cooking Range --- Softline series (SL540-309R) | 14,000.00 | 4,666.67 | 2,333.33 | 0.00 | | |
| La Germania Cooking Range --- Diamante series (D95C21X) | 52,995.00 | 17,665.00 | 8,832.50 | 0.00 | | |
| La Germania built-in oven (F690D9X) | 21,585.00 | 7,195.00 | 3,597.50 | 0.00 | | |
| La Germania built in hob (A6040V-SS) | 19,000.00 | 6,333.33 | 3,166.67 | 0.00 | | |
| La Germania Rangehood --- N-Series/Special type (N 3001 SS) | 5,700.00 | 1,900.00 | 950.00 | 0.00 | | |
| La Germania Rangehood --- Jet-Series (Jet 3901 Inox) | 5,585.00 | 1,861.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Audiovox 7" 16:9 Ultra Slim Line Portable DVD Player | 18,490.00 | 6,163.33 | 3,081.67 | 0.00 | | |
| Audiovox 8" 16:9 Portable DVD Player Package System | 29,990.00 | 9,996.67 | 4,998.33 | 2,499.17 | | |
| Audiovox 10.2" 16:9 Hi-Fi Ultra Slim Line Portable DVD Player | 39,990.00 | 13,330.00 | 6,665.00 | 3,332.50 | | |
| Hitachi 42" Plasma TV 1024x1024 pixels with motorized swivel top stand | 299,000.00 | 99,666.67 | 49,833.33 | 24,916.67 | 285,000.00 | |
| Hitachi 32 LCD TV with built-in Tuner speaker and power swivel stand | 185,000.00 | 61,666.67 | 30,833.33 | 15,416.67 | 170,000.00 | |
| Hitachi 55" Plasma TV with built-in tuner speaker and power swivel stand | 499,000.00 | 166,333.33 | 83,166.67 | 41,583.33 | 450,000.00 | |
| Hitachi 42" Plasma TV 852x480 pixels with built in tuner, speaker and stand | 199,000.00 | 66,333.33 | 33,166.67 | 16,583.33 | 175,000.00 | |
| Kolin SLC-2083 - 20" LCD Screen, HDTV ready, 4:3 aspect ratio | 42,995.00 | 14,331.67 | 7,165.83 | 3,582.92 | | Water Dispenser |
| Kolin SLC-2706 - 27" LCD Screen, HDTV ready, 16:9 aspect ratio | 84,995.00 | 28,331.67 | 14,165.83 | 7,082.92 | | Water Dispenser |
| Kolin SLC-4248 - 42" Plasma display, Double tuner design, Audio modes | 164,995.00 | 54,998.33 | 27,499.17 | 13,749.58 | | Dehumidifier |
| Apple iPod Shuffle 512MB | 6,490.00 | 2,163.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Apple iPod Mini 4GB | 12,990.00 | 4,330.00 | 2,165.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Apple iPod Regular 20GB | 18,490.00 | 6,163.33 | 3,081.67 | 0.00 | | |
| Apple iPod Photo 20GB | 21,990.00 | 7,330.00 | 3,665.00 | 1,832.50 | | |
| Apple iPod Photo 30GB | 29,990.00 | 9,996.67 | 4,998.33 | 1,999.17 | | |
| LG 42" Plasma 42PX4MV-MC | 199,999.00 | 66,666.33 | 33,333.17 | 16,666.58 | Free Home Theatre (LH-T6340) | |
| LG 45" PTV RP-45NZ85P | 88,888.00 | 29,629.33 | 14,814.67 | 0.00 | Free Home Theatre (LH-T6340) | DVD player (DK 9821) |
| Sharp 7kg Spin Dryer - Shower Rinse, Plastic | 3,998.00 | 1,332.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | DVD player (DK 9821) |
| Sharp 6kg Washer - Soak function, Plastic | 4,198.00 | 1,399.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Sharp 20" TV - Mono, single speaker, cable ready | 7,498.00 | 2,499.33 | 1,249.67 | 0.00 | | |
| Sharp 6.5kg TTb - Soak Function, Plastic | 7,898.00 | 2,632.67 | 1,316.33 | 0.00 | | |
| Sharp 26" LCD TV - 8-In Tuner, HDTv, 1-Bit Amp, Prog Scan, PIP | 184,998.00 | 61,666.00 | 30,833.00 | 15,416.50 | | |
| Sharp 32" LCD TV - HDTv, 1-Bit Amp, Prog Scan, PIP, PC input, MTS/Sap | 299,998.00 | 99,999.33 | 49,999.67 | 24,999.83 | | |
| Whirlpool Top Mount No Frost - stainless refrigerator | 31,500.00 | 10,500.00 | 5,250.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Whirlpool Top Mount No Frost refrigerator | 19,995.00 | 6,665.00 | 3,332.50 | 0.00 | | |
| Whirlpool Single door direct cool refrigerator | 11,995.00 | 3,998.33 | 1,999.17 | 0.00 | | |
| Whirlpool Fully automatic Washer without heater | 20,950.00 | 6,983.33 | 3,491.67 | 0.00 | | |
| Whirlpool Semi-automatic twin tub Washer | 10,495.00 | 3,498.33 | 1,749.17 | 0.00 | | |

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# Everything is better with Sharp technology

SHARP has owned many "firsts" in technological history. It spends a lot of time and resources on research and development, as well as on cutting-edge manufacturing facilities. It has opened a $1.5 billion plant in Kameyama in central Japan, and plans to operate more in the future. The bottom-line, however, is not whether the company gets farther ahead of competition. More importantly, Sharp intends to make life better for people all over the world by making high quality products and excellent service in markets where it is present. And what better way to improve the quality of life than by focusing on the home and the environment.

**The TV viewing world is focused on Sharp**

While TV viewers around the world begin to appreciate the advantages of watching from flat panels, broadcast companies are gradually shifting from analog to higher quality digital broadcasting. Markets around the world like Japan, Germany, and the US are beginning to adapt to digital broadcasting. Here in the Philippines, high-definition technology is slowly finding its audience in film and broadcast production houses. Thanks to Sharp technology, the Filipino viewer gets closer to the experience of high definition TV viewing on large screen sets.

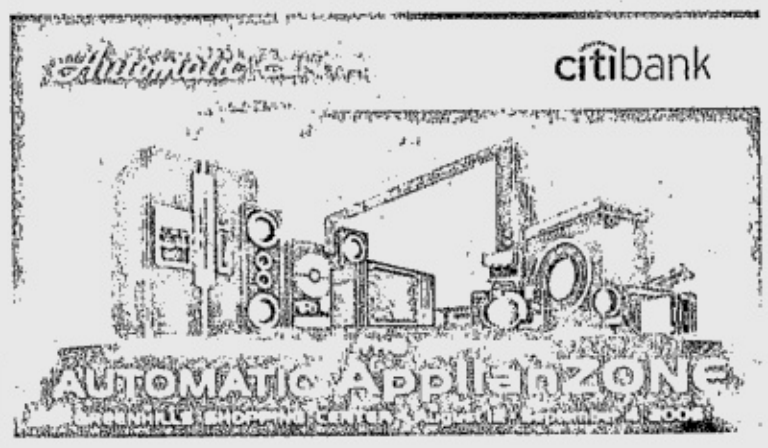
Foremost in flat-panel TV technology is the liquid crystal display (LCD). It has proven to meet the demands of projecting high quality images for home entertainment. It is in this area of developing LCDs where Sharp has long established its excellence. Its first mass-market LCD calculator was released in 1973, followed by its first flat-panel LCD TV in 1987. Today, Sharp is the world's biggest seller of LCD TVs, accounting for one fourth of all the LCD sets sold globally each year. The company has also won the Development of Direct View Liquid Crystal Display Screens Award during the 2004 Technology and Engineering Emmy.

Sharp concentrates almost exclusively on larger TVs. It is the first company to bring extra-large LCD TVs to market, beginning with a 45-inch set in 2004. Sharp's flagship, top-of-the-line, flat-panel LCD HDTV monitor is AQUOS - recognized in the industry for its performance, flexibility, value, and style. Its outstanding features include an exclusive screen technology called the Advanced Super View LCD Panel with Black TFT low-reflection coating that reduce glare and produces richer, more life-like images even in harsh lighting conditions. Its wide viewing angle allows clear image viewing from any part of the room. It has excellent resolution, spectacular color purity, multi-media digital interface, fast response time video circuit for viewing high-speed images, and 1-bit amplifiers that allow amplification without exposure to external noise.

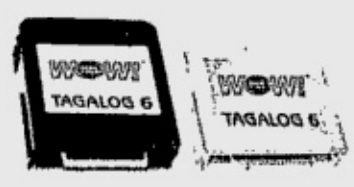
Not to be outdone is Sharp's pure flat TVs, which include progressive scanning, interlaced scan, noise reduction, game function (for 29-inch flat models), graphic equalizer, and child lock. It has intelligent features that a Sharp flat TV user will truly enjoy. Its view timer is excellent for energy-saving because of its ability to shut down when there is no signal or the TV has been left inactive for a maximum of 10 hours of continuous operation. Contrast will automatically adjust according to the room lighting environment to make viewing more comfortable to the eyes.

Another innovative product is Sharp's High Definition DLP (Digital Light Processing) Rear Projection TV. This revolutionary front projector includes the award-winning Texas Instruments DLP micro-display technology combined with Sharp's DLP engineering expertise, offering high brightness, brilliant colors, and crystal clear images in a versatile thin, lightweight design. Its Picture-in-Picture Modes allows the viewer to watch multiple programs or video sources simultaneously.

Sharp's TV sets are energy-efficient and adheres to environmental standards. Its design is both ergonomic and elegant. Truly, a Sharp TV at home gives you all the advantages you need and want for a complete viewing experience.




## Added videoke fun with the new T6




MUSIC has a universal appeal and the power to draw people together. People feel a sense of community when singing in groups and the use of familiar song material can often be the impetus for interaction.

Now, there's a new way to enjoy all those familiar songs with the Tagalog 6 (T6) song-chip from WOW Magic Sing Premium. T6 takes center stage with 231 Tagalog and 259 English songs to choose from.

T6 features the hottest OPM hits like Noypi, Alaala, Babae Po Ako, Hari Ng Sablay, A Girl Can Dream, Totoy Bibbo, Hinahanap-Hanap Kita, Bring Me Down, Rainbow, Halukay Ube and lots more. It also contains all time favorites by Hajji Alejandro, Rico J Puno, Neocolors, Manilyn Reynes, The Teeth, Barbie's Cradle, Martin Nievera, Francis Magalona, Side A and other performers.

In addition, T6 foreign line-up includes hits by Norah Jones, John Mayer, Black Eyed Peas, Mariah Carey, Aaliyah, Matchbox 20, Alicia Keys, Sarah Mclachlan, Tracy Chapman and host of other artist. You can also journey down memory lane with classic hits from the 70's 80's and 90's; Earth, Wind & Fire, James Taylor, Diana Ross, David Pomeranz, Air Supply, Celine Dion, Randy Crawford, Stephen Bishop and lots more.

The Wow T6 song-chip compilation is distributed by In-A-Jiffy Enterprises/G2K Corp. and manufactured by Enter-Tech Ltd. Korea, manufacturer of Magic Sing Videoke Microphones.

T6 is available at all branches of Abenson, Odyssey, Astrovision and Automatic Center. For more information, call 285-2663, 722-5527 or visit their website at www.wowmagicsing or com www.magicmic.com



# Valdes presented affiliation

DURING a Eucharistic celebration held at the National Shrine of the Divine Child at La Salle Greenhills, Mandaluyong City on Aug. 13, Carlos J. Valdes, former Ambassador to the Holy See, Italy, Greece, Malta and Japan was presented the Institute of Letters of Affiliation by the De La Salle Brothers of the Philippine District.

VALDES

Valdes completed his elementary education and high school at the Ateneo de Manila. He then went on to De La Salle for his Bachelor of Science in Commerce Degree prior to becoming a Certified Public Accountant. He studied law at the University of Sto. Tomas and the Philippine Law School before passing the Bar in 1949.

He taught at De La Salle College for many years, as well as in St. Paul's College, St. Theresa's College, St. Scholastica's College, College of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, Far Eastern University and University of the East. These schools and religious institutions were also his first clients when he established the accounting firm Carlos J. Valdes & Co.

He was elected to the Constitutional Convention in 1971 and appointed Ambassador in 1974, serving in the government for 15 years.

Valdes, a staunch Catholic, was married to the former Aida Abad Santos, who passed away in 2003. They have 11 children.

## CITYSTATE STARTS BRANCH EXPANSION

Citystate Savings Bank has made plans to convert its non-performing assets into branches. Shown, from left, are Citystate Bank vice president for branch operations Eduardo G. Go, Citystate Bank president D. Alfred A. Cabangon and architect Glenn Manzanares. Citystate Bank will obtain the services of One Design Consultancy Corp for the structural design of the model branch.

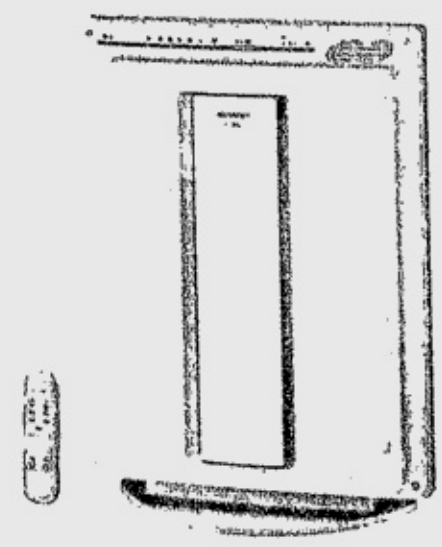
## FITNESS FIRST'S WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Fitness First, Manila's leading gym chain, recently teamed up with Polar Heart Rate Monitor to launch the first integrated group program for weight management in a Philippine health club setting. The program is designed to promote a safe and effective weight management group adherence program utilizing lifestyle and behavior modification, heart-rate based exercise instruction, nutrition education, attitude enhancement, social support and relapse prevention. It is also aimed at creating awareness on proper weight loss the smart and innovative way through Polar Weight Management Series. Shown is Polar product manager Marne Escotido (3rd from left) briefing participants in one of the seminars. For inquiries, call Fitness First at 771-0828 (Alabang), 813-0761 (Makati), 819-0000 (The Fort) or Polar at 671-9765.

## Woodrose Family Bazaar set Oct. 1

THE 8th annual Woodrose Family Bazaar will be held on Oct. 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cuenca Community Center, Ayala Alabang Village. This is a project of the Woodrose Alumnae Association for the benefit of the Teacher Development Fund. Simultaneously, there will also be an Ultimate Frisbee Clinic and Tournament offered for free and open to all Ultimate enthusiasts-beginners and veterans, male and female, young and old. Ultimate Frisbee is the latest sporting craze. It is an exciting, non-contact team sport played the world over. The clinic/tournament is organized in cooperation with members of the Philippine Ultimate Association. For more inquiries, call the alumnae affairs office at 842-9458 or 850-6380 local 128, fax 842-1481 or e-mail waa@writeme.com.

## A WORLD FIRST AMONG AIR PURIFIERS



Sharp Corp has demonstrated that Plasmacluster Ions reduce activity of the highly fatal and highly pathogenic airborne H5N1 avian influenza ("bird flu") virus by 99 percent. This research was conducted in collaboration with Retrosreen Virology Ltd, an organization established by one of the world's leading authorities on virology professor John S. Oxford of the University of London School of Medicine and Dentistry, and which works in compliance with Good Laboratory Practice (GLP). Among the diverse range of air purification technologies available, Plasmacluster Ions are the first in the world to have been proven effective against this virus. Plasmacluster Ion technology was developed in 2000 and is an air purification technology that kills airborne microorganisms by releasing positive and negative Ions into the air. In the five years since its development, Sharp has been working together with academic research organizations around the world based on a 'collaborative research approach to product marketing and has demonstrated that Plasmacluster Ions are effective against 26 kinds of harmful airborne substances, including bacteria, mold fungi, viruses and allergens. In addition, in November 2004, the mechanism by which Plasmacluster Ions cause cell death was explained: they damaged the proteins on the cell membrane surface of bacteria. It has now been proven scientifically that they have the potential to be effective against a broad array of harmful airborne substances that have proteins on their cell surfaces.

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**Continued demand from call centers pushes office rent up**

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**Asian financial capitals likely al-Qaida targets**

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**Manila Hotel Corp. buys Fraport's stake in Piatco for $200M**

## After Enrile switch, Gordon wants turncoats punished

By TJ Burgonio

IN PHILIPPINE politics, lawmakers and local chief executives switch parties faster than you can say "impeach." And nobody seems to mind—at least

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## Licuanan quits SBMA chair; won't say why

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Tonette Orejas
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

FRANCISCO Licuanan III yesterday resigned as chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, barely one year after he was appointed to the post by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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# 2 more sign to impeach

## Pilot: Garci could have hidden in jet's cargo

By Armand N. Nocum

THE PILOT of the aircraft that supposedly spirited Virgilio Garcillano out of the country denied yesterday that he transported the former election commissioner to Singapore on July 14.

But Capt. Arthur Santos, who piloted the Learjet of the Subic International Air Charter Inc. (Subic Air) to Singapore, admitted to a joint panel investigating Garcillano's mysterious flight that it was not impossible for someone to hide in the plane's cargo.

"Two persons can hide among our cargoes, but he may suffocate [inside a crate] because it is [kept] inside [the belly of the plane]," Santos said.

At the initial hearing of the inquiry being conducted by the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Immigration, Department of Foreign Affairs officials said Garcillano arrived in Singapore on July 14 and left a day later for an unknown destination.

This information had earlier been relayed to the DFA by Singapore's foreign ministry. But during the hearing, DFA lawyer

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EDWIN BACASMAS

**HOW TO SELL JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO ANYBODY**
Did President Arroyo get tips on how to sell herself and her programs of government from global, direct selling expert Tupperware? Its chair and CEO Rick Goings (4th from left) and his wife Susan (3rd from left) along with members of the board pay a courtesy call on Ms Arroyo on Friday.

## Rep. Villar, NP pivotal for final 'yes' votes

By Michael Lim Ubac and Philip C. Tubeza

THE NUMBERS game continued to be played in the House yesterday, with two more lawmakers endorsing the amended impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The "yes" votes of Laguna Rep. Benjamin Agarao (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino) and Manila Rep. Rodolfo Bacani (Liberal Party) brought the number of signatures to 48.

Proimpeachment stalwarts Taguig-Pateros Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano and Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla are now banking on the "drawing power" of Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar to convince other administration lawmakers to endorse the impeachment complaint.

Cynthia Villar and her husband, Sen. Manuel Villar, revived the Nacionalista Party two years ago. On Thursday, the senator said his wife had been "thinking

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## GMA appeals for truce for 'economic survival'

By Christine O. Avendaño

WITH her political opponents bent on unseating her for allegedly stealing last year's elections, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday appealed for a truce to secure the Philippines' "economic survival" as oil prices surged to new record levels.

"I call on a determined consensus among our national leaders, regardless of party, sector and persuasion -- to get on the same boat and steer it forward, not pull in different directions or worse, boring holes in the hull," the President said in a statement.

Ms Arroyo issued the call after crude oil prices hit a new record high of $68 per barrel the other day.

Officials have warned that surging oil prices would cut economic growth, raise inflation and deplete the country's international reserves.

"The longer our political turmoil lasts, the deeper the hurt inflicted upon the public," she said. "This is the time for one nation to act decisively on an issue of economic survival and the time to act is now," she added.

"A common stand will help us keep our fiscal house in order; strengthen the safety nets in terms of affordable food, medicine and educational expenses for every family; demonstrate to the world that we are a nation worthy of sustained confidence and support – to keep up the flow of investments and jobs," Ms Arroyo said.

The President is facing impeachment over vote-rigging in

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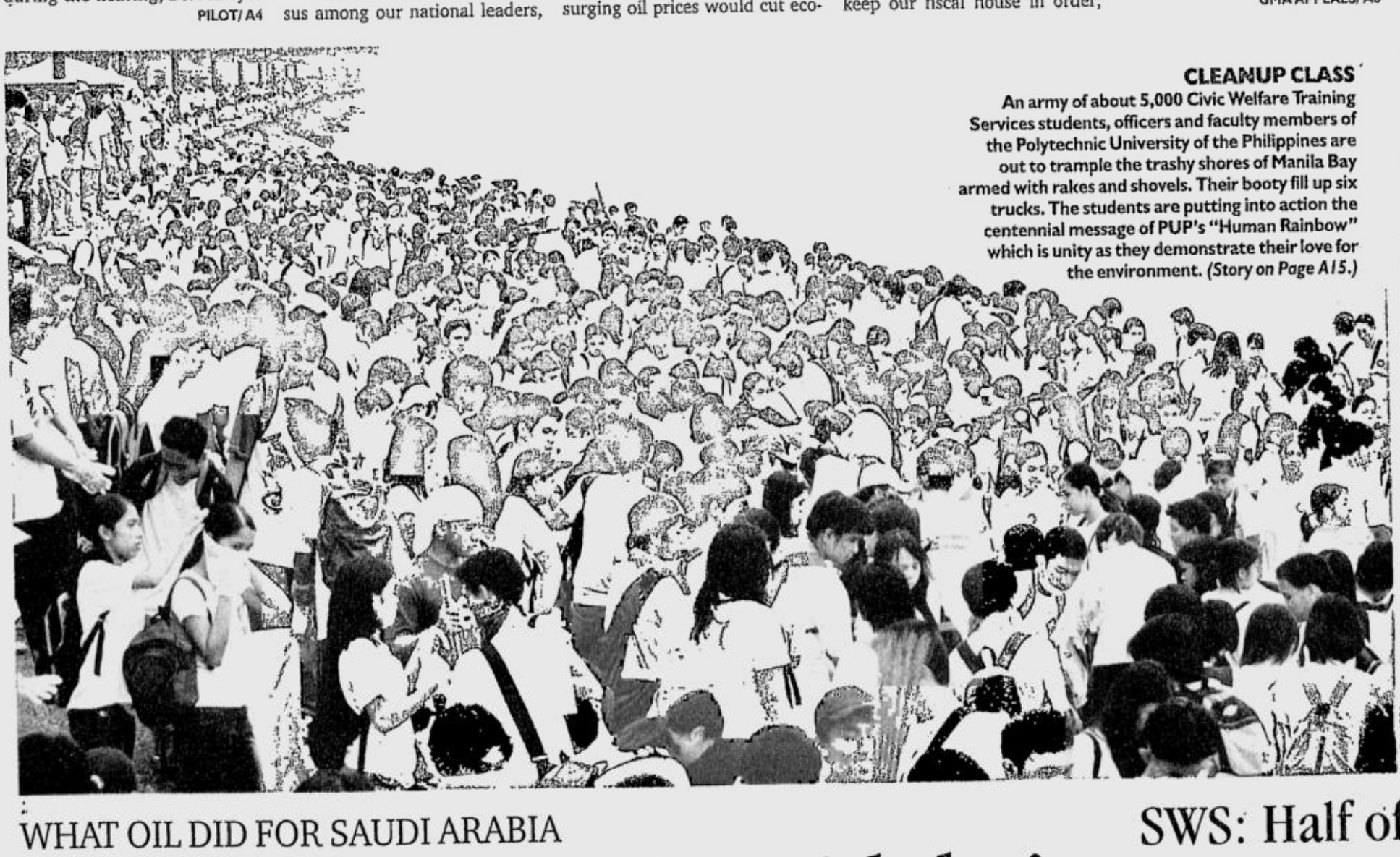

REM ZAMORA

**CLEANUP CLASS**
An army of about 5,000 Civic Welfare Training Services students, officers and faculty members of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines are out to trample the trashy shores of Manila Bay armed with rakes and shovels. Their booty fill up six trucks. The students are putting into action the centennial message of PUP's "Human Rainbow" which is unity as they demonstrate their love for the environment. *(Story on Page A15.)*

## GMA meets 12 House allies for loyalty check

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday canceled at the last minute a scheduled visit to Malabon City to meet with 12 House allies in Malacañang.

A source in Congress said the meeting was a virtual loyalty check by a President who appeared to be worried about the rash of administration lawmakers who had signed the impeachment complaint against her.

The group was reportedly shepherded by Antipolo Rep. Ronaldo Puno, who chairs Kampi, the President's party.

Puno was recently tagged as engineering the release to congressmen of P5.5 billion from the Road Users Tax. (The President ordered the cancellation of the release after members of the rul-

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WHAT OIL DID FOR SAUDI ARABIA

## RP sits on top of 25-M ton nickel mine

MINERS are eyeing the Philippines as a potential source of nickel for China's booming economy as the country's mining sector emerges from a two-decade slump and the government chases $6.5 billion in foreign investment.

The metal, which has more than doubled in value in the last three years as China devours it to add strength to its stainless steel, could do for the impoverished Philippines what oil has done for Saudi Arabia, some mining executives say.

But persuading the world's top miners to spend the cash to unlock vast reserves in a politically volatile country, where ore grades are low and investors face opposition from indigenous groups and the powerful Catholic church, will not be easy.

"I compare nickel to the effect oil has had on countries like Norway and Saudi Arabia, which host a substantial portion of the world's oil resources," said Jon Steen Petersen, senior vice president of Toronto-listed mining firm Crew Gold Corp.

The Philippines has 20 million to 25 million tons of nickel in its soil, or at least a quarter of the world's known nickel laterite resources, estimates Crew Gold, whose local unit owns a 40-percent share in a nickel project here.

Benjamin Philip Romualdez, president of the country's Chamber of Mines, says these resources

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## SWS: Half of lawyers say judges accept bribes

By Volt Contreras

ALMOST half of the country's lawyers know of judges that accept bribes. But most of these lawyers are afraid or simply resigned to the situation, they prefer to keep mum than expose the rot, this is according to survey results released yesterday by the Social Weather Stations.

In a sampling of 400 lawyers in four key cities, 49 percent of them said they were "aware" of magistrates in their locality who are on the take, but only eight percent of these lawyers had the courage to report the bribery, the SWS said.

Lawyers were randomly selected—100 each from four

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FORECAST: The whole country will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming frequent over Western sections of Central and Southern Luzon including Western Visayas.

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# Victim ignored Iraq ban, says DFA

By Nikko Dizon and Jerome Aning

FOREIGN Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo yesterday ordered an investigation into the entry to Iraq of worker Federico Samson, who was killed in an ambush on Wednesday, despite the government's prohibition to Filipinos against working in the war-torn country.

Romulo instructed chargé d'affaires (CDA) in Iraq, Ricardo Endaya, to speak with Samson's employer, Lucent Technology, to find out how Samson managed to enter Iraq about four months ago.

"The Philippine Government has never lifted the temporary ban on the deployment of Filipinos in Iraq, and the prudence of this ban is tragically borne out by this most recent act of violence on three Filipinos," Romulo said in a statement.

"Federico needlessly lost his life in this terrible incident," Romulo said.

But the Department of Labor and Employment said Samson, who was around 50 years old, married, and a native of Olongapo City, was an undocumented overseas worker who crossed into Iraq from the United Arab Emirates in defiance of the government ban.

Nevertheless, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said, the government would work for the release of benefits for Samson's family from his employer and for the repatriation of his remains back to the Philippines.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, in a report to Sto. Tomas, said Samson was deployed to the UAE in 2002. POEA records showed that his contract with his previous employer, Modern Technology International, expired in March 2005.

His membership with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration also expired last March.

"It was apparent that Samson had crossed the UAE border for this new job in Iraq without proper documents," Sto. Tomas said.

She added that undocumented overseas Filipino workers were not entitled to welfare benefits being provided by OWWA to documented OFWs and their families. Samson's kin, however, could claim insurance and other monetary benefits due them from his employer, Lucent Technology, she said.

Samson, a communications rigger for contractor Lucent Technologies, was killed Wednesday along with two Iraqi guards when their truck was hit by an improvised explosive device in the northern oil center of Kirkuk shortly after leaving an air base on their way to Baghdad, the DFA said.

Two other Filipinos—Pedro Galila and Roderick Tayo—were wounded and flown by the United States Army to Baghdad, it said.

Ten Filipino workers were in the convoy, the DFA said, adding that there had been no word about the other Filipinos.

Endaya appealed for patience from the family of the slain worker in recovering and repatriating his remains, citing the difficulties and danger involved in traveling between Kirkuk and Baghdad.

The Philippines banned deployment of workers to Iraq after insurgents abducted Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz in July 2004.

To save his life, Manila was forced to grant the kidnappers' demand for the early withdrawal of its small peacekeeping contingent from Iraq—a decision strongly criticized by Washington and other allies, but applauded at home.

A second Filipino, accountant Robert Tarongoy, was also abducted by Iraqi militants. He was freed in June after almost eight months in captivity.

About 6,000 Filipinos are employed in US military camps across Iraq, mostly as cooks and maintenance personnel. Many workers slip into Iraq through a neighboring country like Jordan. *With an AP report*

**SAMSON family lights candles for Federico who was killed when Iraqi insurgents ambushed a convoy transporting workers of a US electronics firm in Kirkuk. At right, Cecilia Samson, 45, comforts granddaughter Lyka, 4, as they sit in front of a photo of her husband.** PHOTOS: ALLAN MACATUNO

## *Jobless for 4 years, 5 children to feed*

By Allan Macatuno
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

OLONGAPO CITY—Federico Samson, 48, the Filipino worker killed when insurgents attacked a convoy of workers in Iraq, used to tell his wife Cecilia that he would rather die working abroad than die going hungry in the Philippines.

Samson was jobless for four years and had five children to feed and send to school.

In July 2004, he was given an opportunity to work as a rigger (a worker who assists crane operators) in Iraq. He did not think twice; he took the job.

On Thursday, Samson and two Iraqis were killed when insurgents ambushed a convoy carrying workers of an American electronics firm in Iraq's northern city of Kirkuk. Two other Filipinos were hurt in the attack.

Cecilia, 45, was hysterical when she heard the news on Thursday night. Their grieving children and relatives gathered in the family's house in Barangay Sta. Rita as news of his death spread.

His relatives said Samson built the house for his family through his earnings abroad.

"I just don't know how to move on now that he is gone. He is my sole strength but I already lost him," Cecilia told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Relatives placed Samson's framed photograph in an altar in the house and lit four candles for him.

Federico's five children—Den, 23; Rona, 21; Junior, 20; Cocoy, 18; and Darwin, 15—gathered around the living room on Friday morning, anticipating calls from concerned government agencies.

Cecilia, although her eyes swollen, was surprisingly calm.

She said it would take her time to recover from the death of her husband.

"He was supposed to come home in October. He wanted to buy a jeepney to supplement the family income," said Cecilia. "He is a great loss to us."

Cecilia, who is under treatment for diabetes, said she last talked to her husband Tuesday at dawn.

"He told me to take care of my health and to exercise. He reminded me to take my medicine," she recalled their last telephone conversation.

"I wanted to talk to him [longer] but he said his money was not enough to extend his call," she said. "I was not able to say how much I love him and that I wanted him [to come] home."

Cecilia said a representative from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration had told her that her husband's body would be brought back to the country next week.

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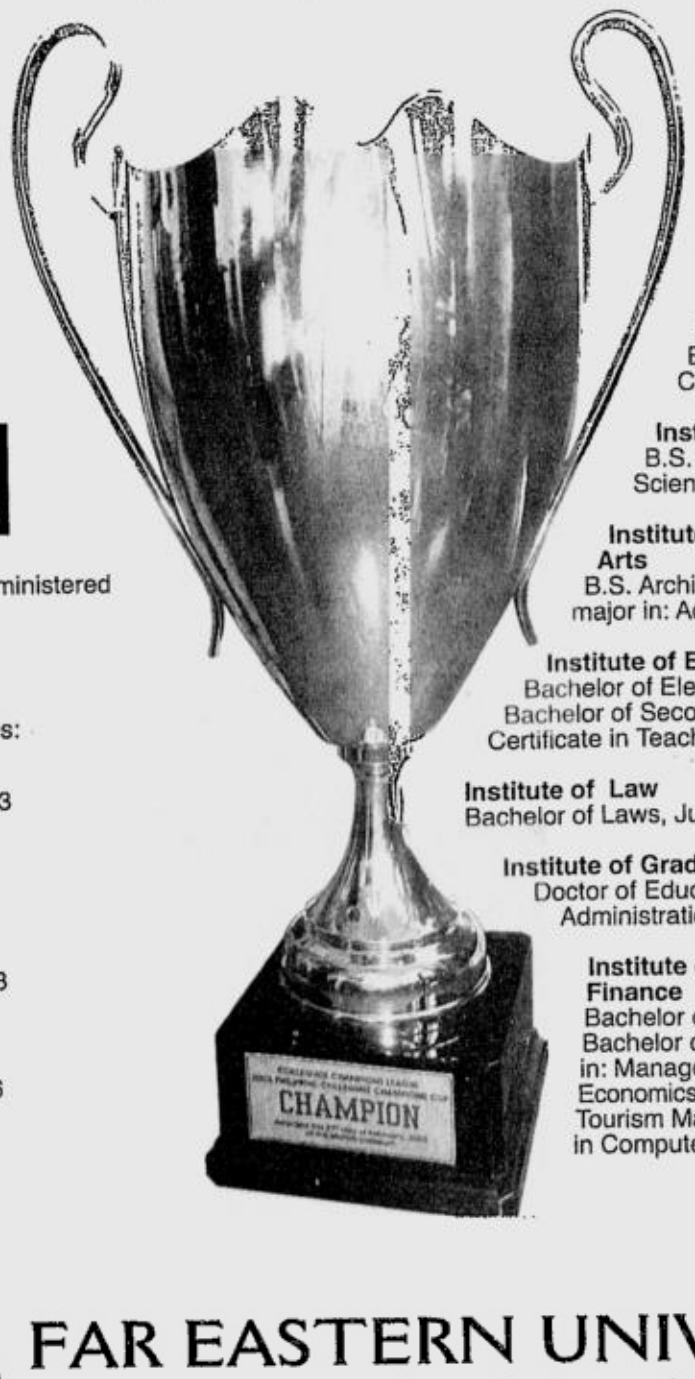


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## Oslo urges gov't, Reds to resume peace talks

NORWAY has urged the Philippine government and communist rebels to resume peace talks aimed at ending a 36-year insurgency, an official said yesterday.

Two Norwegian officials visited Manila early this week to invite peace negotiators to Oslo "for an informal consultation ... to discuss the possible resumption of formal talks," said Rene Sarmiento, presidential adviser on the peace process.

The Norwegians informed Philippine officials that the Marxist umbrella, National Democratic Front, which represents the rebels in the talks, was open to attending.

"We will look at the wisdom, the pros and cons, the merits and demerits of the invitation of the Norwegian government," Sarmiento said. "It is very worth considering ... if it will advance the peace process."

Norway has brokered the talks since February 2004 and hosted at least three formal rounds.

Formal talks scheduled for late August 2004 were postponed by the NDF when the United States refused to remove the rebels from its terror list.

Rebel negotiators, who live in exile in The Netherlands, said the talks would remain suspended unless the Philippine government lobbies for the removal of the underground Communist Party of the Philippines, the New People's Army, and party founder Jose Maria Sison from the US and European Union terror lists. *AP*

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### Bomb parts in PAL cargo

BOMB components intended to be shipped to Palawan were discovered by authorities yesterday at the domestic cargo area of the Philippine Airlines at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) compound. Five rolls of detonating cords and blasting caps sealed in several small boxes were placed inside an LBC box addressed to one Cresanto Penaco of Puerto Princesa, airport security chief, retired Gen. Angel Atutubo said in a report. The sender was identified as a certain Adela Reyes of San Pedro, Laguna. Police investigators said the bomb components were most likely to be used for illegal fishing and not for terrorist attacks. Chief Supt. Andres Caro, head of the PNP-Aviation Security Group (ASG), did not rule out the terrorism angle. *Nikko Dizon*

### Bali bomber alive

JAKARTA—Indonesian police said Friday a key Indonesian suspect in the Bali bombings who, a Philippine military report identified as dead earlier this month, was now believed to still be alive. National police spokesperson Ariyanto Budiarjo said Indonesia's consulate in the Philippines' Davao was informed by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) that suspected militant Umar Patek was thought to be alive. Patek is a senior member of the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror group and one of the top suspects sought by police for his role in the October 2002 Bali bombings, which killed 202 people. Philippine security forces said earlier this month they had recovered what they identified as the skeletal remains of Omar Patek on a creek bed near the town of Datu Odin Sinsuat on Aug. 5. *AFP*

### JPE seen as no threat

SENATE President Franklin Drilon yesterday said Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile is not gunning for the Senate presidency and remains an opposition vis-à-vis Malacañang. "I'm confident about that. We talked about his affiliation (with the majority)," Drilon told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from Bangkok. Drilon, who "recruited" Enrile to the majority, said Enrile never asked for any Senate committee, much less the Senate presidency, when he decided to join the bloc. Drilon dismissed reports that Malacañang is backing Enrile to replace him after he and other members of the Liberal Party withdrew support from Ms Arroyo and called for her resignation last month. The Senate "Wednesday Group" echoed Drilon's observations. Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan said yesterday he was convinced by Enrile's declaration. "With Manong Johnny Enrile, what you see is what you get. If he says he has no plans of seeking the Senate presidency I have no reason not to believe him," he said in a text message. Apart from Manny Villar and Pangilinan, the group, so-called because it meets every Wednesday, includes Senators Joker Arroyo and Ralph Recto. Another member is Vice President Noli de Castro. *Juliet Labog-Javellana and TJ Burgonio*

# Worst over for dengue outbreak, says DOH

## Public warned vs 'second wind'

By Christian V. Esguerra
and Norman Bordadora

FIRST THE good news: The number of dengue cases in the country had peaked from June to August and could be on their way down, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said yesterday.

And now the bad news: The public should watch out for a possible "second wind" of the deadly, mosquito-borne disease.

"We'll never know," Duque told reporters in a press conference.

With 14,738 cases documented as of Aug. 19 nationwide, he said there was no indication that the number would be twice the 19,000 cases recorded in 2004 by the time the dengue season ends in October.

Dr. Eric Tayag, chief of the National Epidemiology Center, earlier projected that cases would reach 20,000 by October, noting that 300 to 500 new infections were being recorded weekly.

Dengue cases usually double from the previous year's number every two to three years. The country last experienced a dengue crisis in 1998 when around 40,000 people were infected.

"This year, we peaked in June, July and August," he said. "I think [the cases] would go down already."

Despite the positive outlook, he warned the public against recklessness, especially with neighboring countries like Singapore and Thailand also battling dengue.

In Thailand, he said there were a total of 25,000 cases from January to July. Singapore had only 7,400 cases as of July but the number was a marked increase from the 3,219 cases recorded last year, he said.

"It looks like it's happening in the whole of Southeast Asia," he said.

Duque urged the public to continue searching and destroying "Aedes aegypti" mosquitoes, the so-called "day biters" carrying the dengue virus. They breed in clear and stagnant water.

He also encouraged residents to use mosquito nets, repellents and come up with other measures to drive away the insect. Sprinkling "Abate" on stagnant water can also kill larvae. But the powder is quite expensive at P700 per sachet.

Duque ordered government hospitals to admit emergency cases even if patients could not pay for laboratory fees or purchase certain medicines or apparatus.

Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes yesterday called on governors and mayors of areas with high dengue-related fatality and incidence rate to establish fast lanes in government hospitals under their respective jurisdiction.

In a memorandum to all local executives, Reyes also asked that indigent patients be treated and managed in local government unit hospitals for free during the "dengue season."

"In the light of this circumstances, there is an expressed need to improve the system for dengue case management, as well as efficiency of services rendered to patients," he said.

Reyes said the notable increase in the incidence of dengue cases nationwide had placed a strain on the services provided by the Department of Health for both confirmed and unconfirmed cases.

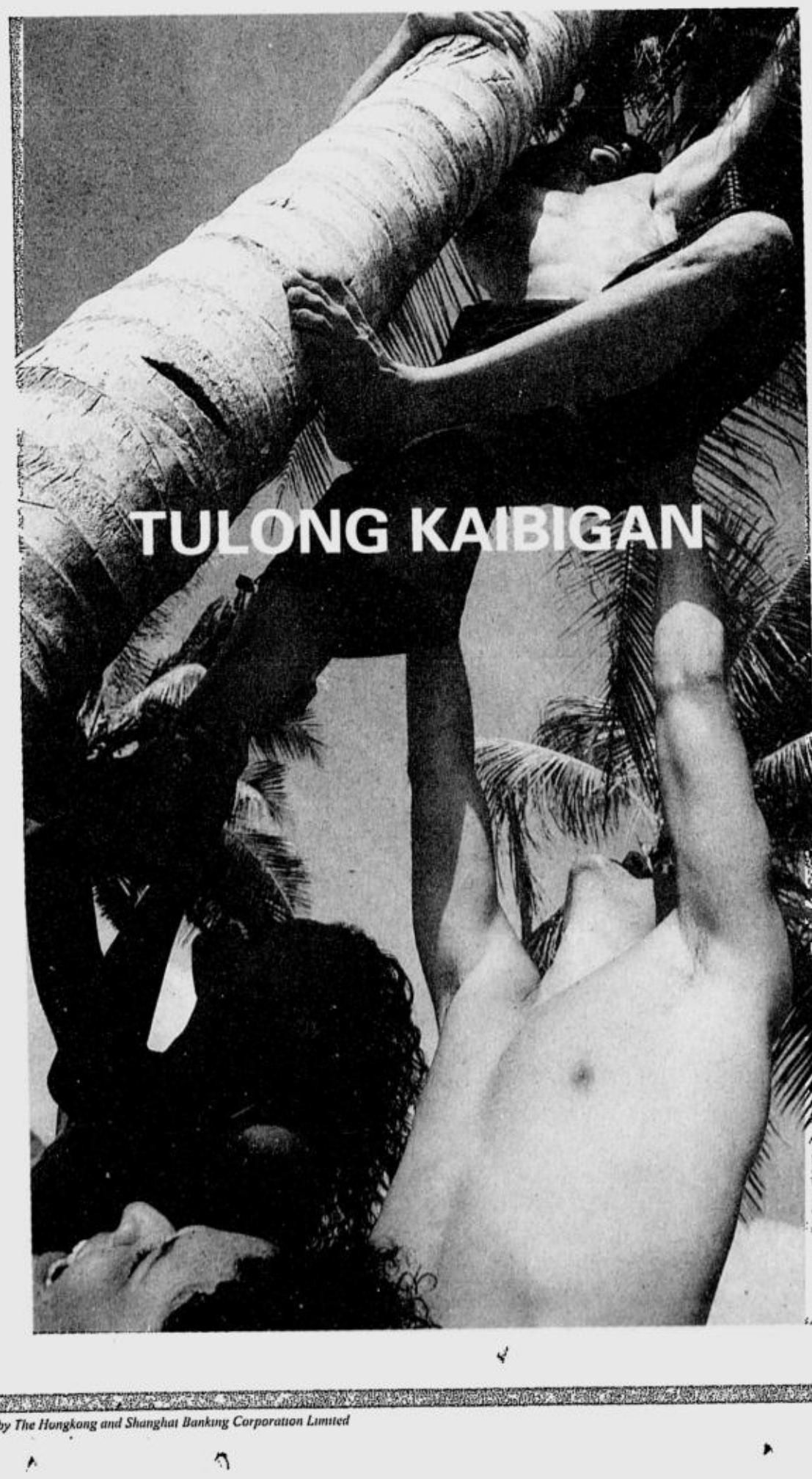
He urged governors and mayors to improve actual case management and services of dengue patients.

Reyes also called on the governors and mayors to provide the provincial, city or municipal epidemiology surveillance unit of regular weekly reports of dengue cases.

He also urged local government officials to immediately request fresh frozen plasma through the Clearing House-Blood Assistance Center of the DOH to replace diminishing supplies of platelet concentrates.

Health department figures show that a total of 10,977 dengue cases were reported form January to July this year, compared to 10,117 cases reported for the same period last year.

The same report showed that northern Mindanao recorded the highest number of dengue cases with 2,136, followed by the Zamboanga peninsula with 1,326; central Visayas with 1,198; Metro Manila with 1,179; Socsargen with 1,044.

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AND THEN there are two more: Laguna Rep. Benjamin Agarao makes it official during the presscon cheered on by like-minded colleagues like Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano. The other signatory, Manila Rep. Rodolfo Bacani, did not show up. JOAN BONDOC

THE NUMBERS are shaping up, and that's something to smile about: Representatives Robert Jaworski Jr. and Gilbert Remulla at a proimpeachment press conference in Quezon City on Friday. JOAN BONDOC

# 2 more sign to impeach

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of signing" the complaint.

Cayetano and Remulla described the camera-shy congresswoman as "a force on her own" and a "pillar of Congress." They said that once she signed the impeachment complaint, it would be easy to meet the required 79 signatures.

"It could be treated as a go-signal [even if there is no formal] party stand," said Remulla, also of the NP, who had earlier joined four other "young guns" in endorsing the complaint.

Cayetano said Cynthia Villar was respected among women members of the House.

"We can't underestimate [her] drawing power," Cayetano said. But he stopped short of saying that apart from the numbers, she could provide the logistical support to an opposition strapped for funds.

The congresswoman has been listed since 2001 as the wealthiest member of the House, with P531.2 million in net worth and no liabilities.

## 'The end is near'

But House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles paraphrased Frank Sinatra's song "My Way" to convey that he was unimpressed: "The end is near and they must face the final curtain."

Nograles said that despite yesterday's two additional signatures, he was "very confident" that the proimpeachment camp would not be able to convince the required one-third of the 236-member House to back its cause.

The justice committee is to resume its impeachment hearings on Tuesday and is expected to decide on the two remaining "prejudicial" questions—whether an amended complaint can be regarded as a new complaint and whether the initial complaint filed by Oliver Lozano constitutes a bar to the two subsequent complaints.

Should the committee decide to junk the amended complaint, the proimpeachment camp needs to muster 79 votes at the plenary to overturn the committee's decision and automatically transmit the complaint to the Senate for trial.

The administration reportedly wants the complaint junked before Ms Arroyo leaves for New York on Sept. 12 for a United Nations conference.

## 'Desperation'

According to Nograles, the proimpeachment camp is "desperate" because "the numbers are not in sight while the voting on the case is nearing." He said he expected the vote to be held on Tuesday.

"In their desperation to enlist more lawmakers, they are resorting to squid tactics, a smear campaign, exorcism rites, garlic wreaths and probably even voodoo magic," he said, adding:

"I think there have been enough debates on the issue already, so the [justice committee] chairman (Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong) will probably call for a vote."

Nograles downplayed the additional signatures of Bacani and Agarao, saying the opposition had a long way to go to get the 79 votes.

"It's been more than a month since they claimed they had more than 70 signatures. But from July 25 until now, they have just added [only six votes]—from 41 to 47. That's a slow boat to China!" he said.

## 'We will survive'

But San Juan Rep. Ronaldo Zamora, the lead impeachment prosecutor, said: "Of course, there will be more [signatures]. That (Tuesday) is also our target [date]. [The majority is] trying to kill the complaint, but we are going to survive."

Zamora said that among those expected to endorse the complaint were members of the Liberal and Nacionalista parties.

"I can confirm that," he said. "[The LP and NP members who had signed] are working for additional signatures. If I were in the Palace, I would read Senator Villar's words [concerning his wife] very carefully."

Manuel Villar is a member of the Wednesday Group of senators who are allied with Vice President Noli de Castro.

Last Saturday, the impeachment prosecution team issued a statement promising that the opposition would adhere to the rules of constitutional succession if Ms Arroyo were convicted in an impeachment trial.

Zamora said then that the statement was issued in compliance with the request of some lawmakers who were thinking of signing the impeachment complaint.

Asked yesterday if those lawmakers were the NP congressmen, Zamora merely laughed and said: "Senator Villar is playing for higher stakes."

## The NP bloc

Initially described as a "two-man party," the NP now counts 18 congressmen, including three from the party-list sector, among its members.

But so far, only three—Representatives Cayetano, Remulla and Justin Chipeco—have signed the impeachment complaint.

The pivotal role of the Villars was mentioned at the press conference yesterday in Quezon City wherein the endorsements of Agarao and Bacani were announced.

Sources said Cynthia Villar was making the rounds of NP members to check whether the whole party would be amenable to break ties with Ms Arroyo.

Remulla said that in the absence of a party stand, the Nacionalistas would "vote according to their conscience."

But he said he expected Pampanga Rep. Anna York Bondoc and Cebu Rep. Eduardo Gullas to stick with the administration coalition because they represented provinces where Ms Arroyo made a strong showing in last year's election.

Only more than a year into her six-year term, the President stands accused of rigging the 2004 vote, hiding her real assets and properties, receiving bribes from "jueteng," condoning human rights violations and entering into disadvantageous contracts.

She has denied any wrongdoing.

## 'Glimmer of hope'

At the press conference, Agarao said he had endorsed the impeachment complaint so that Ms Arroyo would have a chance to clear her name.

He said his constituents in the fourth district of Laguna were in full support of his decision.

Bacani, a brother of Novaliches Bishop Teodoro Bacani, did not show up, but sent his resolution of endorsement to the House secretary general.

Cayetano admitted the mounting pressure for the minority to produce 31 more signatures to the complaint.

But as long as there is a "glimmer of hope that we can still get justice, we will not withdraw from the impeachment process," he said.

After a standstill, the numbers game revved up last Tuesday when six were added to the 41 endorsements of the impeachment complaint.

But on Wednesday, Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay of the party-list group Association of Volunteer Educators withdrew his signature.

## 'Redeem yourself'

On Thursday, Magsaysay's cousin, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., expressed disappointment over his withdrawal, saying it was in the country's interest that the impeachment process "go forward."

Yesterday, the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) called on him to "redeem himself" by re-affixing his signature on the impeachment complaint.

ACT chair Antonio Tinio reminded Magsaysay in a statement sent to media offices that the education sector had overwhelmingly demanded the President's impeachment.

"We're deeply disappointed with Representative Magsaysay's decision," Tinio said. He lamented that an educator and education-sector representative would be the first to make a turnaround on the impeachment complaint.

But Magsaysay, who had earlier claimed that P5.5 million was offered to him in exchange for not signing the complaint, said his endorsement on July 22 was a result of his disgust that some administration lawmakers had tried to "unduly influence" his decision.

"Upon reflection, I realized that lobbying on both sides and the horse-trading that goes with this is part and parcel of our political process. But I, as a non-traditional politician, continue to be uncomfortable with these processes until now," he said in a statement.

"Even then, I must now de-link this unfortunate experience with my decision on the impeachment complaint, for one should not have anything to do with the other, especially if I find that the impeachment complaint is of no merit at all, and thus unworthy of my support."

*With a report from Alcuin Papa*

# *GMA meets 12 House allies . . .*

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ing Lakas complained that Kampi members were getting the lion's share of fund releases.)

Sorsogon Rep. Jose Solis, one of those at the *pancit palabok* session with Ms Arroyo yesterday afternoon, confirmed that she had asked about the status of the impeachment complaint.

"[But] she didn't tell us not to sign. I was even expecting that she'll tell us, 'Stick with me and you'll get lavish gifts,'" Solis said.

But he said the President had asked him about talks that he was poised to join the proimpeachment camp.

"I told her [that first], we are not going to vote on it yet and that it is too far down the road. Second, my colleagues are *makulit* (persistent)," he said.

## At ease

Solis said the President appeared comfortable and at ease during the meeting mostly marked by small talk.

But he added that he could not say what she discussed with the other congressmen during their separate meetings.

He also said he saw nothing unethical about the President's inviting lawmakers to Malacañang to discuss the impeachment complaint.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye concurred that there was nothing improper about Ms Arroyo's touching base with lawmakers through a phone call or a meeting at the Palace.

"The President is the leader of the executive branch, and she has to deal with the legislature and other branches of government," Bunye said at a briefing.

He was evasive when asked about the cancellation of the Malabon event, where the President was to lead the launch of a socio-civic project, "Serbisyo Muna."

He also feigned ignorance of the meeting between Ms Arroyo and the lawmakers.

# Pilot: Garci could have hidden in jet's cargo

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Domingo Lucenario Jr. told the panel that the information did not indicate whether Garcillano had arrived at the city-state on board the Subic Air Learjet.

## No passengers

"There were no passengers, only three crew members," Santos said, adding that apart from himself, co-pilot Capt. Wilfredo Bautista and mechanic Benito Jappal were on board flight RP-C1426.

He said the purpose of the flight to Singapore was to fix the plane's auto-pilot system.

Garcillano is at the center of the controversy surrounding the wiretapped phone conversations between Ms Arroyo and an election official concerning cheating in the 2004 presidential polls.

He is facing arrest for his failure to appear before a House joint inquiry into the "Hello, Garci" tapes.

Asked by panel members whether he saw Garcillano on the plane, Santos said: "I know of no passenger named Garcillano."

## No inspection

He said it would not have been possible for Garcillano to take the flight without the necessary papers because they would have been arrested by Singaporean immigration and customs officials.

The hearing of the panel led by Senior State Prosecutor Emily de los Santos showed that the Learjet did not undergo the usual inspection by airport authorities before it took off for Singapore.

Immigration officer Raymund Pilac admitted that he only examined and relied on the authenticity of three passports and the "general declaration" submitted by a Subic Air "liaison officer" before signing the flight documents.

Pilac said it had been "a practice" that members of flight crews were not required to personally pass the examination of immigration officers before being allowed to board an outbound flight.

Neither did he board the Learjet to find out whether the persons indicated on the flight manifest were the only ones inside the aircraft before it flew out, he said.

Santos confirmed Pilac's statement. He said that before a plane was allowed to fly, it should have been cleared by immigration, customs and quarantine, the Airport Security Group, and the Air Transportation Office.

De los Santos said the panel was considering an ocular inspection of the Learjet.

Subic Air chair and president Pepito Alvarez, said to be an ally of Ms Arroyo's, did not attend yesterday's hearing. Foreign Undersecretary Franklin Ebdalin sent a representative.

## 2nd letter

DFA spokesperson Gilbert Asuque yesterday said it had received a second letter from the House seeking more details on Garcillano's flight.

He said the details included how Garcillano flew into Singapore and the kind of passport the latter used.

Asuque said the DFA received the letter signed by Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla, chair of the House inquiry into the "Hello, Garci" tapes, last Monday.

He said the DFA had instructed the Philippine Embassy in Singapore to request the needed information from that country's foreign ministry, and Luis Cruz, Philippine charge d'affaires (CDA) in Kuala Lumpur, to find out if Garcillano had also been in Malaysia.

"CDA Cruz, who is in Manila for home consultations, has been instructed to exert all efforts to answer the questions of Congress regarding Mr. Garcillano," Asuque said.

He said the DFA had also instructed the Philippine consulate in New York to find out if Garcillano was in New Jersey, as had been reported.

## Remulla under siege

At the House, administration lawmakers reportedly want Remulla stripped of the chairmanship of the "Hello, Garci" inquiry for signing the impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo.

They also reportedly want the investigation terminated following the Supreme Court's recent decision banning the introduction of tape recordings as evidence in court proceedings.

"Well, let the members decide," Remulla said. "My official stand is: I can still act as an impartial presiding officer. After all, this is not the impeachment [proceeding]. It is the inquiry into wiretapping, which will concentrate on Garcillano."

Remulla said Garcillano was still being held in contempt by the joint inquiry and was still subject to the warrant of arrest issued by the House. *With reports from Nikko Dizon and Michael Lim Ubac*

# SWS: Half of lawyers say judges accept bribes

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cities—in Metro Manila, Baguio City, Cebu City and Davao City. They were met by the SWS for face-to-face interviews between November 2003 and January 2004.

The respondents were asked if they were aware of a case in their city or province where a judge had taken a bribe.

### Findings

Those who answered yes were allowed to give several reasons on why they would rather keep mum. The poll gathered 11 main reasons.

Fifty-six percent shared the belief that they could not prove anything anyway; 29 percent cited fear of reprisal, while 25 percent thought nothing would be done about it.

Not reporting the bribery was already "standard practice," according to 14 percent, while 13 percent felt they just "don't want to betray anyone."

Seven percent said they would rather not blow the whistle lest they "spend much" in the ensuing legal battle.

For some, it's also embarrassing (6 percent) or too small a thing to be bothered with (5 percent). Others simply didn't know whom to report it to (3 percent), or they didn't mind since they're not involved in the case (1 percent), or simply didn't regard the matter as a personal concern (1 percent).

These findings were part of the 2003-2004 surveys SWS conducted on the state of the judiciary and the legal profession, presented yesterday at its Quezon City head office by lawyer Marlon Manuel.

### Judges' survey

The survey of the lawyers had a parallel project involving judges—and the results of the twin polls were consolidated in 90 tables that were discussed by Manuel.

For the magistrates, the SWS mailed questionnaires to all judges in the regional trial court level and below, totaling 1,460 nationwide. One batch was sent in November 2003 and another in January 2004. Some 889 magistrates or 61 percent sent back valid replies.

The SWS survey also asked the question: "How often do lawyers include bribe money in the fees they charge clients?"

Half of the lawyer-respondents supported the "perception" that to win a case, grease money had to change hands.

Five percent of the lawyers said "Very often" while 10 percent said "Often." Twenty percent answered a more qualified "Sometimes," while another 15 percent said extra charge was done "occasionally."

### Bribes passed on to clients

When judges were asked the same question, half or 51 percent said they believe lawyers factor in bribe money, in varying degrees, when they finally bill clients.

Still, both the lawyers and the judges considered themselves as people who command respect in the community.

Ninety-six percent of the judges said they believe they get "much" to "moderate respect" from the public. The same high opinion was shared by 94 percent of the lawyers.

### No to local dialects

Another finding was the strong rejection—from both lawyers and judges—of the use of Filipino or local dialects in court. In each grouping, 76 percent or three-fourths of the respondents disagreed with suggestions that the native tongue be used in official proceedings.

This language preference was already reflected in similar surveys concerning the judiciary that were conducted by the SWS in the mid-'90s.

Asked to comment on the results of the survey, Supreme Court Information chief Ishmael Khan said "Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. has always encouraged lawyers aware of any corrupt activity in court to come forward."

### No proof

Khan added: "The fact that talks of corruption abound shows that the lawyers are not aware of incidents of corruption themselves, or they only heard it from somebody else, or have no proof about it. I have been talking to lawyers who told me that they will not hesitate to report incidents of graft. It is easy to destroy the reputation of any judge, because in the decision he makes, one party becomes happy, or in some cases, both parties are unhappy with the decision. Sometimes, lawyers blame the judges for their legal lapses."

Asked to comment on the unpopularity of the use of Filipino or local dialects in court, Khan said: "A lot of legal terms cannot be translated to Filipino. It's a problem in communication." *With reports from Armand N. Nocum*

# RP sits on top of 25-M ton nickel

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rank the Philippines as potentially the world's fourth or fifth largest nickel miner.

### No nickel-and-dime venture

At a current world price of about $14,850 a ton, the country holds between $297 billion and $371 billion worth of nickel—enough to pay the $70 billion national debt more than four times over.

The Philippines has caught the attention of top nickel producers like BHP Billiton Ltd./Plc., Canada's Inco Ltd. and China's Jinchuan Nonferrous Metals Corp., though none have yet committed to taking exploration projects through to production.

Japan's Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd., the world's ninth-largest nickel producer, was the first major to start production in recent times when its $180-million Coral Bay plant on Palawan began producing nickel powder in March.

But more foreign money is needed if the country is to improve greatly on last year's output of 16,973 tons—equivalent only to about 1.4 percent of world refined nickel output.

"The largest stumbling block for a nickel project is the large capital requirement, which often exceeds $1 billion, which is difficult to raise for high-risk projects in the Philippines given the sometimes turbulent political environment in the past," Petersen said.

The government has taken steps to attract investors. A Supreme Court ruling last year cleared the way for foreign ownership of mines and prompted Manila to identify 24 priority mining projects, five of them focusing on nickel.

### Tricky negotiations

"The big mining companies are here and more of them are coming because they have seen how things have changed," said Romualdez of the Chamber of Mines.

Analysts say tricky negotiations between foreign companies and the existing owners of mining concessions are an obstacle to investment, while lower ore grades—meaning miners must extract more ore, at higher cost, for the same amount of metal—make the Philippines less attractive than countries like Chile.

But geologists say Sumitomo Metal Mining's Coral Bay project, which derives nickel powder from the old ore stockpiles discarded by local firm Rio Tuba Mining Corp., show that low grades can be mined successfully using new technology.

Edwin Rillon, a geologist at the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, said Sumitomo and its partners had been able to mine laterite ore with just 0.9 percent to 1.3 percent nickel using the high-pressure acid leach technique.

### Old mines

"Before, these were considered uneconomical by Philippine mining companies. They were just digging for high-grade ore, or those with nickel content of above 1.3 percent," Rillon said.

China's top steel maker Baosteel and nickel leader Jinchuan have pledged $950 million to revive an old nickel plant on Nonoc island in the south of the country.

Benguet Corp., of which Romualdez is president, is in exploratory talks with world No. 2 producer Inco about a project in Zambales.

Crew Minerals owns 40 percent of Aglubang Mining Corp., which sees potential for mining 2 million tons of dry nickel ore, containing about one percent nickel, on central Mindoro island.

Petersen said the project needed $300 million to $400 million to bring into production a plant that would initially produce 20,000 tons of nickel a year, and another $1 billion to boost output to between 50,000 and 60,000 tons a year. *Reuters*

## IN THE KNOW

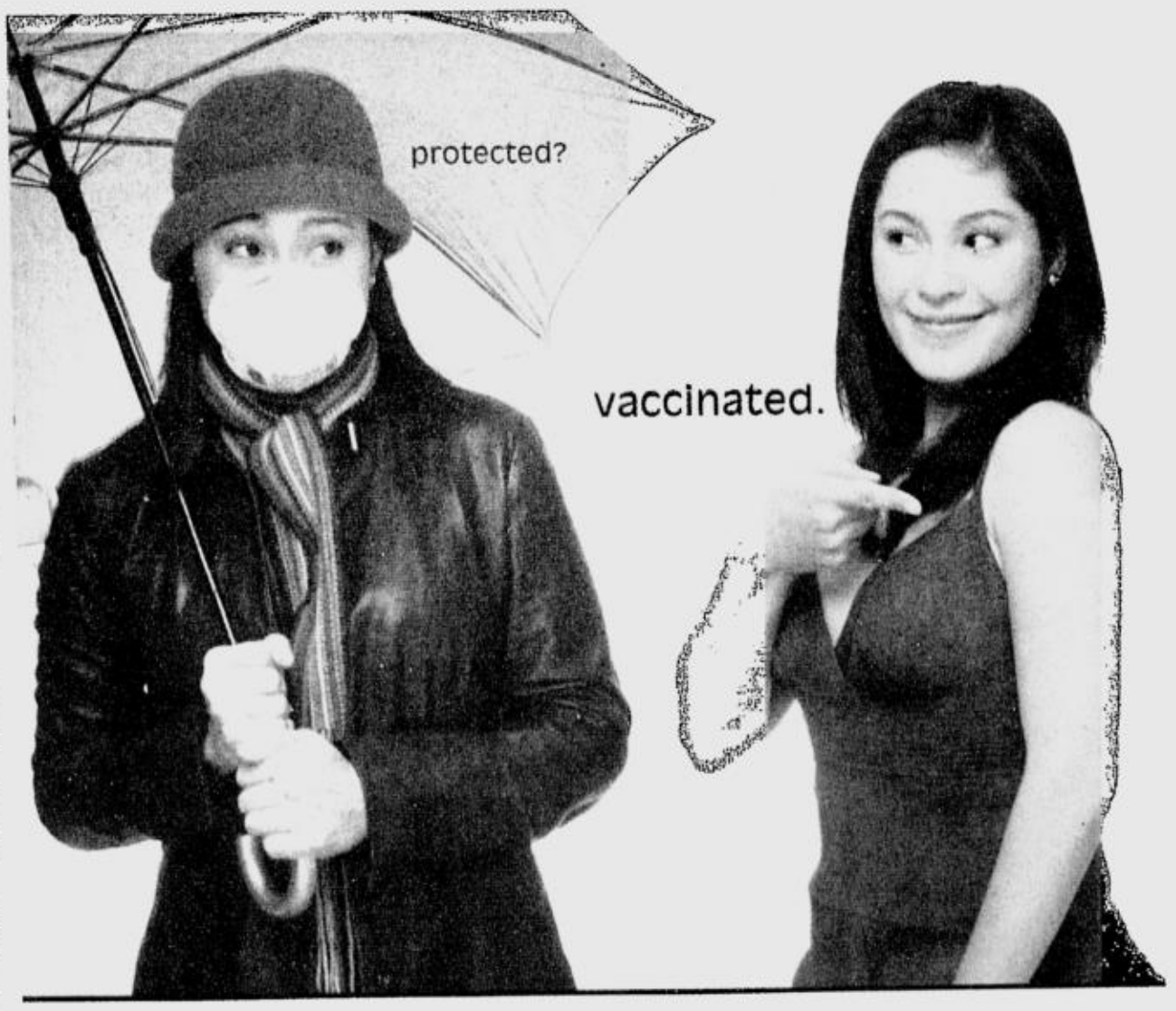
LAST April, President Macapagal-Arroyo disclosed that the Philippines has the third largest nickel deposits worldwide. She said this could serve as the country's passport to true development and global wealth.

Nickel, with the symbol of Ni, is a silvery shiny, metallic element that takes on a high polish. It belongs to the iron group, and is hard, but can be extended or shaped by hammering or by pressure. It can also be drawn out into wires.

About 65 percent of the nickel consumed in world today is used to make stainless steel and other rust-resistant alloys. It is also used to make armor plates, burglar-proof vaults, ship propellers, kitchen supplies, plumbing, robotics, rechargeable batteries. In the United States and Canada, nickel is used in five-cent coins.

For years, the bulk of the nickel deposits is believed to be in Surigao del Norte, particularly in Nonoc Island where it is reported to account for about 83 percent of the country's total nickel deposits.

Latest results of studies have shown huge nickel deposits not only in Surigao del Norte but also in other parts of Mindanao, Palawan, Zambales, Mindoro, Samar and Negros. *PDI Research*



# GMA appeals for truce for 'economic survival'

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the May 2004 elections after an audiotape was leaked in which a woman sounding like her apparently tells an election official to fix the outcome of the presidential election.

Since it resumed sessions late last month, Congress has devoted its energy to debating three impeachment complaints against Ms Arroyo.

A one-third vote of the 236-member House of Representatives would compel the body to send the case to the 23-member Senate for trial.

Ms Arroyo, who has denied any wrongdoing, wants Congress to concentrate on passing key legislation to shore up the government's revenue base to lessen the country's dependence on expensive debt. The proposed 2006 national budget would devote a third of the total to debt service.

In a statement, the President said that government resources were under "heavy strain" as a result of the "combined weight of rising oil and our debt payments."

### Hardest hit

Saying the poor were the "hardest hit" by the strain in government's resources, Ms Arroyo underscored the need for the government to "get the fullest value of every peso we spend so that we can help poor families cope with inflation, maintain essential lifeline services, and push the economy up to fill in more jobs."

President Arroyo urged that the country act now before it was too late, "before ruin sets in because of our callousness and complacency to imminent disaster."

Explaining the President's renewed call for unity, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said she was "calling attention to the fact that we're really facing a serious problem."

### Political distractions

Bunye reiterated that the grave problem of high oil prices was shared by many nations, including the Philippines.

Ms Arroyo has been calling for various measures to deal with the oil price problem including energy conservation, finding alternative resources and possibly even passing emergency measures if the situation becomes too grave.

"We have to get together and work together so that we could be effective in addressing our problems," Bunye said in a news briefing.

Asked whether Ms Arroyo's appeal for the need to end the political turmoil was in reference to her wish for the immediate resolution of the impeachment case filed against her in Congress, Bunye said: "The message is: let us work together. We know we have political noises, we have political distractions."

"The less distraction we have, the better we would be able to address other important problems," the press secretary said. *With an AFP report*

# Licuanan quits SBMA chair; won't say why

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In a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said Licuanan tendered his resignation yesterday. It would take effect at the end of the month.

"President Arroyo accepted his resignation with regret and sincere appreciation for his valuable service to the country," Bunye said.

Ms Arroyo appointed Licuanan, former president of Ayala Land Inc., as SBMA chair on Nov. 1, 2004 to replace Felicito "Tong" Payumo who had held the post since 1998.

In a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, Licuanan confirmed he has resigned as SBMA chair and as presidential adviser on the Subic-Clark Alliance development program.

Asked for his reasons in leaving the government, Licuanan said he would rather defer to Malacañang's official announcement on his resignation.

Presidential Adviser for Central Luzon Renato Diaz said that SBMA Administrator Alfredo Antonio would also be leaving his post. Antonio would be appointed member of the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

A top Malacañang official said Licuanan just did not have the "taste for bureaucratic life" when he handed in his resignation to the President.

LICUANAN is wanting a vacation

### Adjusting to gov't way

"*Nanibago siya* (He was not comfortable). He could not adjust to the rigid and frustrating structure of the bureaucracy which, on hindsight, was too soon after retiring from the corporate sector," the official said. "He was still adjusting from being retired and then suddenly he had to adjust to a government way of doing things."

Before joining the government, Licuanan, 60, had served as director and president of ALI since 1988. He was senior managing director and member of the management committee of Ayala Corp. Licuanan also held various top positions in the Ayala group of companies.

The source said Licuanan gave himself a "very short time frame" to make a difference in the agency. "From the start, he only wanted to set the direction for Subic but it turned out the time he gave himself to do the job was too short," the source said.

### Personal matters

Another source said Licuanan had been telling his close associates that he had other things to do, commitments that he had to make after retiring from Ayala Land.

The source said these were mostly personal matters that new retirees do when they finally leave their office. The source added that Licuanan wanted to have a vacation because the Subic office, though set amid a tourist resort complex, was just too stressful for his taste.

But a top SBMA official said Licuanan left his post because he could not handle the heavy workload at the SBMA and his role as presidential adviser.

Licuanan was appointed presidential adviser on Subic-Clark development on Aug. 18, 2004.

The development of the Subic-Clark growth corridor is among the 10-point agenda of Ms Arroyo's administration.

As presidential adviser, Licuanan was in charge of developing Subic and Clark into the best logistics, transport and warehouse hub in Southeast Asia. He also oversaw the functions of the Bases Conversion Development Authority, Clark Development Corp. and SBMA with regard to programs that have a direct impact on the joint development of the industrial and freeport agencies. *With a report from Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

# *'Serbisyo Muna' not a Palace PR blitz–Pagcor*

A NEW government poverty alleviation program, dubbed "Serbisyo Muna," is not another Malacañang public relations offensive to fight off the worst political crisis hounding the Arroyo administration.

Efraim Genuino, chair of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) which is the overall coordinator of the project, said "Serbisyo Muna" is a timely initiative of the government due to the economic problems the country is facing.

Genuino said he is leaving it to the Chief Executive's critics if they think the new poverty alleviation program is just a Malacañang PR offensive.

"Through the program, we will be able to coordinate the basic services (provided by the various government agencies). *Ang murang gamot, pagkain, bigas, ay nilalapit ng pamahalaan sa utos ni Presidente* (Cheap medicine, food, rice are being made available on orders of the President)," Genuino said at a press conference held at the Casino Filipino in Parañaque City Thursday night.

The project was launched in Malabon on Thursday.

The government will introduce the inter-agency project in Metro Manila but aims to make it a nationwide effort.

"Some of the core projects of Serbisyo Muna! will be the construction of community-based supermarkets, convenience stores, police outposts, school buildings, low-cost housing, and the introduction of supplemental feeding and emergency livelihood program in local communities," Pagcor said in a statement.

Genuino, reportedly one of the closest allies of Ms Arroyo and her husband, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, also expressed hope that with Serbisyo Muna, the country's leaders would be encouraged to set aside politics and concentrate on providing the much needed services to the Filipino people.

Rarely seen in public, Genuino also urged the media to lend its support to the government's program.

And to emphasize his appeal for unity, Genuino, dressed in a dark suit, urged everyone in the room to stand up and hold hands as a choir led the singing of Serbisyo Muna's theme song.

Among those who obliged and ended up singing, holding hands, and swaying to the music were NCRPO Dir. Gen. Vidal Querol, Public Works Undersecretary Salvador Pleyto, Pagcor spokesperson Edward "Dodie" King, and mediamen seated around the conference table.

Pagcor recently figured prominently in the news after Pangasinan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, an anti-gambling advocate, revealed that the gaming corporation would introduce a game called "Bingo Combo" to replace jueteng next month.

In a statement, however, Pagcor categorically denied it is implementing or has plans of implementing the Bingo Combo game, now or in the future.

"We would like to clarify that the Bingo Combo game is only one of hundreds of proposals offered to Pagcor for evaluation and possible implementation," Pagcor said.

Pagcor said there are no further plans to push through with the Bingo Combo, adding that the proposed game never reached its board for appropriate action.

According to Pagcor, it was approached last year by the proponent of Bingo Combo who offered their equipment and technology. The proposal went through the normal evaluation process and was given the opportunity to have a 30-day testing period prior to final evaluation. However, the testing period never materialized.

Pagcor said the document that was shown to the media recently was a copy of the 'Procedural guidelines' which is standard in the evaluation process.

"Due to the complexity of games such as the Bingo Combo, documents like these are especially important because it outlines the mechanics inherent to and required by the game. It also ensures that everyone is in understanding on how the testing should proceed," it said.

Pagcor, however, said that should Bingo Combo be deemed acceptable for implementation in the future the procedural guidelines will be used as part of the supplemental materials submitted for further evaluation.

"We would like to stress, however, that the document does not in any way grant authority to operate the Bingo Combo game," Pagcor said.

*Nikko Dizon*

# After Enrile switch, Gordon wants turncoats punished

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until last week.

In a bid to curb this common but revolting practice, administration Sen. Richard Gordon has filed a bill penalizing political turncoats and opportunists in the country's political system.

Gordon lamented that a political party, essentially a democratic tool that offers the people choices for government positions, had been stunted by "rampant party-switching" in the system.

"This practice is so rampant that switching party allegiance is already taken for granted," he said in his explanatory note of Senate Bill No. 2082.

### Still independent

Only last Wednesday, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile completed his switch from opposition to independent to administration when he announced that he had forged a "working coalition" with the Senate majority. The veteran senator returned to the Senate last year under the opposition Partido ng Masang Pilipino, of which he is still the chairman. And he still calls himself "independent."

Enrile said he cleared his switch to the majority with ousted President Joseph Estrada, president of the PMP.

Gordon said "in effect, party-switching has contributed to the stunting of the political maturity of the Philippine electorate and encouraged transactional leadership instead of transformational leadership."

Above all else, this practice had encouraged a personality-based politics and limited the relevance of party platforms in the election of government officials, said the outspoken senator, who ran under the administration's K4 coalition in last year's national elections.

### Programs not continued

"This unfortunate system has resulted in the non-continuity of government plans, programs and projects which eventually redounds to the disadvantages for the Filipino people," he said.

In his proposed legislation, Gordon defined a political turncoat as any member of the political party who would change party affiliation any time after being included in the party's ticket.

A political party might consider a member who regularly voted with another political party as a political opportunist, he added.

The classification, however, did not apply to any member who would object to a change in party direction "by reason of his or her religious, ideological, or moral training or belief," according to the senator.

Gordon proposed a host of tough penalties for turncoats, like he should be prohibited from assuming office if he would change party affiliation during the election period, or he should forfeit his office if he would change affiliation while serving his term.

GORDON

The other proposed penalties for a turncoat were:

- Disqualification from running for an elective position in the next election immediately following the act of changing party affiliation.
- Disqualification from being appointed to or from holding any position in any public office for three years after the expiration of his or her term.
- Disqualification from assuming any executive or administrative position in his or her new political party.
- Requirement to refund amounts received from his or her political party, plus a surcharge of 25 percent.

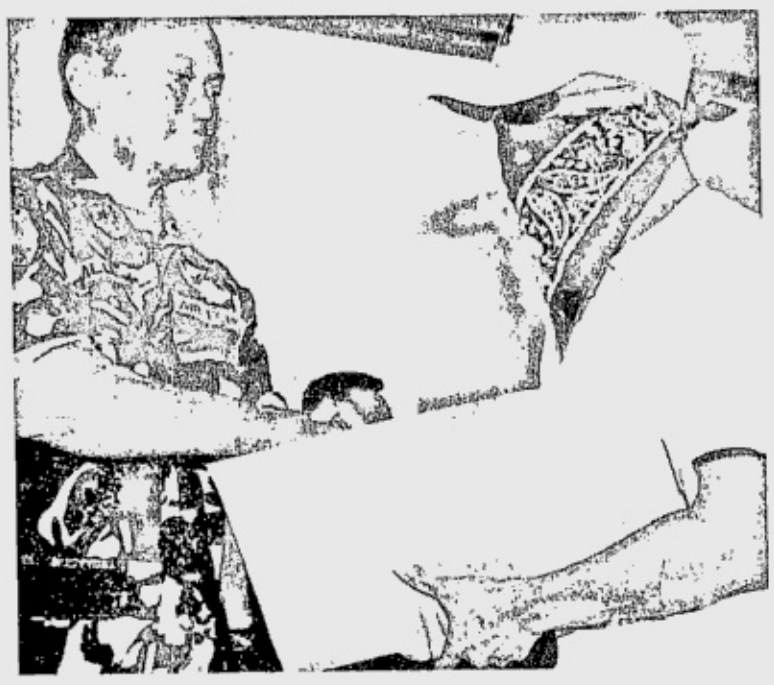
An opportunist, on the other hand, shall not be entitled to any of the benefits given to party members and may be expelled by his party. He may also be required to refund all amounts received from the party, according to Gordon.

Gordon did not say if a recent incident of turncoatism prompted him to author and file such a bill.

### Like anti-dynasty bill

But he voiced the belief that punishing turncoatism would bring "greater stability" in the political system "because it would ensure that membership in political parties will be relatively permanent, and the electorate can expect, if not exact, strict compliance from government officials in terms of promises and platforms upon which their political party is grounded."

If passed, the Commission on Elections will draft and enforce the implementing rules. But first, the bill, which is expected to meet stiff opposition like the unpopular anti-dynasty bill, has to get the nod of senators and congressmen alike.



**REWARD MONEY**
**Brig. Gen. Francisco Callelero, Southern Command deputy chief, hands over envelope containing P150,000 to "Star Agent 3" in Zamboanga City Friday. The informant's tip led to the arrest of ranking Abu Sayyaf member Michael Pajiji.** AFP

# Magsaysay winners here for awards

**By Nikko Dizon**

FOUR winners of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards arrived yesterday in Manila for the awarding ceremonies to be held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) next week.

Ms. Hye-Ran Yoon (Emergent Leadership), Mr. Teten Masduki (Public Service), Mr. Mathiur Rahman (Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts), and Dr. V. Shantha (Public Service) arrived one after the other at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Terminals 1 and 2.

Mr. Sombath Somphone (Community Leadership) was scheduled to arrive from Thailand last night, while Sen. Jon Ungphakorn (Government Service) is scheduled to arrive today.

The awardees were met by Mrs. Carmencita Abella, president of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF), and Lourdes Mercado-Balbin, communications officer.

For the second year in a row, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo would not be able to attend the awarding ceremonies at the Magsaysay Awards.

Abella said Malacanang did not say why Ms Arroyo is not attending the event.

Abella said Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. has been invited by the RMAF to be a guest at the awarding ceremonies to be held on Aug. 31.

Abella recalled that Ms Arroyo was abroad when the RMAF awarding ceremonies were held last year.

The RMAF's board of trustees is chaired by former Finance Secretary Juan Santos, one of the Hyatt 10 Cabinet members who resigned and called for Ms Arroyo's own resignation last month, amid allegations of electoral fraud and corruption against her and her husband, eldest son, and brother-in-law.

Also an RMAF board member is Vicky Garchitorena who has also resigned from the Arroyo administration.

The awardees expressed gratitude for the award, with Yoon and Dr. Shantha saying that the recognition given them would hopefully generate more support for their advocacies.

"It's a moment of great joy because it suddenly gave us international recognition and appreciation which I think is very much needed and we are hoping that this international recognition will open up more people in our country for greater support to what we are doing," Shantha, a 78-year-old medical doctor, who is at the forefront of fighting cancer in India.

She helped found the Cancer Institute in 1954, that has grown from a 12-bed hospital with two doctors to a 428-bed hospital and research center.

Yoon, who came with her husband and 12-year-old son, said that the award recognizes not only her work but also those done by her countrymen doing the same work in the provinces of Korea.

Through an interpreter, Yoon said that the recognition has encouraged her and her fellow workers in "pulpoori", the Korean term for grassroots, community-based social work, to work harder to help develop a healthy democratic society in Korea.

# Manila Hotel buys Fraport's stake in Piatco for $200M

THE MANILA Hotel Corp., owned by publishing tycoon Emilio Yap, has bought the stake of Fraport in the Philippine International Air Terminal Co. Inc. (Piatco) consortium, the operator of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Terminal 3, for $200 million.

In Frankfurt, Germany, airport operator Fraport confirmed that it has accepted the offer of the Manila Hotel, ending a dispute which has dragged on for years.

In a statement, Fraport said it would receive an initial sum of $50 million once it signed the deal, followed by the remaining $150 million within six months of signing.

Fraport does not plan to pursue further compensation following the sale of its stake to the Manila Hotel, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Fraport had sought World Bank arbitration to settle a dispute over compensation after it was seized by the Philippine government last December. Manila had rejected Fraport's request for $425 million in compensation.

The sale still needs to be approved by Fraport's supervisory board. *Reuters*

# Opposition hits Palace for peddling cheap tales

OPPOSITION leader Horacio Morales yesterday scored the Arroyo administration for using self-declared audio expert Jonathan Tiongco "to weave cheap tales against the opposition and sow disunity within its ranks."

"After his (Tiongco's) failed attempt to demolish the authenticity of the 'Hello, Garci' tapes, he is now trying to destroy the opposition and create disunity within its ranks," said Morales, secretary general of Puwersa ng Masa.

Tiongco, together with Environment Secretary Mike Defensor, earlier said that the tapes containing the conversation between President Macapagal-Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano were spliced.

After that, Tiongco alleged that opposition presidential bet Fernando Poe Jr. died of poisoning and that former senator Gregorio Honasan ran away with P40 million intended for FPJ's campaign. He also said that Morales asked him in June 2004 to bomb Ms Arroyo's proclamation in Cebu City.

Morales said Tiongco's claims showed that he is also "an expert political operator and a terrorist. The administration could have found a mine in him for being a multitalented person."

# International school auction alarms foreign businessmen

**By Jerome Aning**

THE FOREIGN Chambers of the Philippines (FCP) yesterday expressed "extreme concern" over the impending auction of the International School Manila (ISM).

The Makati-based ISM, the oldest and largest of the international schools operating in the country, is unable to pay its former and current Filipino teachers about $7.1 million in back wages as ordered by the Supreme Court.

"Closing the school would make it more difficult for [our] families... to remain in the Philippines or to move to Manila in the future," FCP said in a statement.

"[ISM's] closure could result in headquarters of our member firms reassessing their business plans for the Philippines," it added.

Signatories to the statement included the presidents of the American, Australian-New Zealand, Canadian, European, Japanese and Korean chambers of commerce, namely Rick Santos, Richard Barclay, Stewart Hall, William Bailey, Ryukichi Kawaguchi and Lee Gil Gu.

Shameem Qurashi, president of Philippine Association of Multinational Companies, also signed.

Many executives who belong to the group, which has over 2,000 member firms, have children attending ISM. Many children of diplomatic and Asian Development Bank families also study at the school.

On July 18, the Department of Labor and Employment issued a writ of execution implementing the Supreme Court order of June 2000. As a result, ISM's bank accounts were frozen while the DOLE sheriff announced on Aug. 11 the sale of ISM's real properties on Sept. 5.

DOLE's action to force the sale of ISM resulted in "deep consternation" among the 1,700 students at the school, their parents and the international business and diplomatic communities, FCP noted.

The dispute concerned demands for equal pay and claims for back pay and back benefits differential between 1995 and 2000 by a group of 167 Filipino members of the ISM teachers' union, majority of whom had already retired. They had collectively asked DOLE to award them an average of $42,500 each.

Pointing out that the school was owned by the parents of the students, FCP backed the ISM's compliance with the high tribunal's order when the school increased the salaries of the locally hired teachers but claimed that the decision applied to future and not past compensation.

The group also pointed out that ISM was non-stock and non-profit and dedicated all its revenues to the education of its students.

FCP urged the government's executive and judicial branches to find a solution to the long-standing dispute.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The WORLD

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# Asian money hubs seen likely targets of al-Qaida

SINGAPORE—Asian financial capitals have taken extensive measures to guard themselves against a terrorist attack but regional officials and experts fear a strike on a major city could just be a matter of time.

The Financial Times newspaper, quoting French antiterrorist supremo Jean-Louis Bruguiere, reported Friday that cities like Tokyo, Singapore or Sydney could be hit by al-Qaida to undermine investor confidence in the region.

But Asian governments have long been aware of the danger.

US allies in particular have been on guard since the al-Qaida attacks on New York and Washington in September 2001, which were followed by bombings in Indonesia and the Philippines blamed on the Jemaah Islamiyah group.

Subsequent bombings in Madrid and London have heightened fears that a major metropolitan center in Asia could be next.

In Singapore, armed police now patrol the MRT train system and entertainment districts frequented by foreigners. Guards from the legendary Gurkha forces armed with assault rifles and curved knives protect key foreign embassies.

Tokyo, which has the world's biggest public transport network, stepped up security after the July 7 bombings in London.

Sydney also placed extra police and security guards on its public transport system, and the city has a mass evacuation plan involving the private sector.

In the wake of the London bombings, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong sounded a somber note during the city-state's exuberant 40th independence day celebrations earlier this month.

"We must be psychologically prepared for this, so that if they ever strike here we will be resolute and indomitable, refusing to be cowed by the terrorists and staying one united people," he said in a televised address.

Singapore, frequently visited by American warships and aircraft, will host the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in September 2006 involving 16,000 participants.

The Financial Times quoted French investigating magistrate Bruguiere, who has been tracking terrorists since the 1980s, as saying that some Asian countries were less prepared than Britain or the United States for an attack.

In Hong Kong, a police spokesperson said the territory, which will host the World Trade Organization Summit in December, was under a "moderate" level of alert, the second highest.

"The chances that Hong Kong gets attacked are very low. But we keep ourselves prepared, alert and vigilant," chief superintendent Alfred Ma of the public relations branch told AFP.

He said Hong Kong police undertake "regular exercises to cover different scenarios" and keep in touch with overseas counterparts.

Clive Williams, director of terrorism studies at the Australian National University, said he expected al-Qaida to target people rather than institutions in an attempt to alter government policy on Iraq.

"If it was an attack in Tokyo or Japan or Australia or Singapore it's more likely to be a public transport target," he told AFP.

Aldo Borgu, from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, doubted whether al-Qaida would have the capability to attack targets in Asia.

"If they are specifically targeting financial institutions, with the aim of not necessarily killing people but wrecking economies, that's a change of direction," he said.

Japan said Friday it already has tight security in place.

"It isn't clear how concrete this report is," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda, the spokesperson for the Japanese government. *AFP*

**NIGER CRISIS** AFP

**A mother and her malnourished child wait at a Medecins Sans Frontieres center in Dogo, near Zinder in famine-wracked Niger. UN chief Kofi Annan is in the impoverished west African country to draw attention to five million people facing food shortages.**

## WORLDBRIEFS

### Africa ministers declare TB emergency

MAPUTO—African health ministers have declared a tuberculosis emergency to muster greater political commitment in the fight against one of the continent's top killers, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday. "The World Health Organization Regional Committee for Africa, comprising health ministers from 46 member states, has declared tuberculosis an emergency in the African region," WHO said after four days of talks in Mozambique. "The declaration is a response to an epidemic that has quadrupled the annual number of new TB cases in 18 African countries since 1990 and continues to rise across the continent, killing more than half a million people every year," it said. Tuberculosis is a leading cause of death among people who are HIV-positive, accounting for about 11 percent of AIDS deaths worldwide. It poses a major challenge in managing treatment for people with HIV, WHO experts say. Declaration of a tuberculosis emergency should unlock more money from the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized nations, the United States and the Global Fund from where developing countries draw much of their cash for fighting AIDS and other diseases, the WHO says. *Reuters*

### S. Lanka to hold 2005 presidential poll

COLOMBO—Sri Lanka's Supreme Court on Friday ruled a presidential election is due in 2005 in a victory for the political foes of outgoing President Chandrika Kumaratunga—who wanted to stay in power for another year. Kumaratunga, who was first elected in 1994, went for reelection a year early in 1999, and her opponents argued that meant she forfeited a year and must relinquish power this year. She cannot run again, and a bitter political squabble drove the issue into the courts. "According to the constitution, and the interpretations heard earlier ... I hold the President's second term in office commenced on Dec. 22, 1999 and will end six years from that date," Chief Justice Sarath. N. Silva said. *Reuters*

### Americans back right to protest

WASHINGTON—An overwhelming number of Americans say critics of the Iraq war should be free to voice their objections—a rare example of widespread agreement about a conflict that has divided the nation along partisan lines. Nearly three weeks after a grieving California mother named Cindy Sheehan started her anti-war protest near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch, nine of 10 people surveyed in an AP-Ipsos poll say it is OK for war opponents to publicly share their concerns about the conflict. "We have the right to disagree with the government," said Mike Malone, a salesman from Florida. With the US death toll in Iraq climbing past 1,870 with an especially bloody August, the public's opinion of the Bush administration's handling of the war has been eroding over the past two years. *AP*

### 17 immigrants die in Paris fire

PARIS—Seventeen people including six children died and 30 were injured early Friday when fire ripped through a dilapidated apartment building in Paris occupied by African immigrant families, the fire service said. It said the blaze—one of the worst in post-war Paris—swept up the stairwell of the building in the 13th district in the southeast of the French capital. The cause of the fire was not known, but a criminal investigation was under way. In a provisional toll released at 6 a.m., it said at least 17 died in the inferno. Six of the dead were children, one of them a baby. Of the injured, 23 were hospitalized, two in serious condition. The blaze followed a fire on April 15 in the central Opera district in which 24 people, also immigrants, perished in a hotel. *AFP*

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# CIA top men faulted for pre-9/11 lapses

WASHINGTON—The CIA's independent watchdog has recommended disciplinary reviews for current and former officials who were involved in failed intelligence efforts before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, The Associated Press has learned.

CIA Director Porter Goss now must decide whether the disciplinary proceedings should go forward.

The proceedings, formally called an accountability board, were recommended by the CIA inspector general, John Helgerson, the AP learned late Thursday. It remains unclear which people are identified for the accountability boards in the highly classified report spanning hundreds of pages.

The report was delivered to Congress on Tuesday night.

Following a two-year review into what went wrong before the suicide hijackings, Helgerson harshly criticizes a number of the agency's most senior officials, according to people familiar with the report. Among those singled out for criticism are former CIA Director George Tenet, former clandestine service chief Jim Pavitt and former counterterrorism center head Cofer Black.

The former officials are likely candidates for proceedings before an accountability board, which could take a number of actions, including letters of reprimand or dismissal. The proceedings also could clear the former officials of wrongdoing.

Those who discussed the report with the AP all spoke on condition of anonymity because it remains highly classified and has been distributed only to a small circle in Washington.

TENET AFP

Tenet and Pavitt declined to comment. Black could not be reached Thursday.

Goss was among those who requested the inspector general's review as part of a 2002 congressional inquiry into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York City and Washington that killed nearly 3,000 people.

At the time, Goss, a Florida Republican, chaired the House Intelligence Committee. A CIA officer himself in the 1960s, Goss now must decide whether the current and former agency personnel should be considered for sanctions.

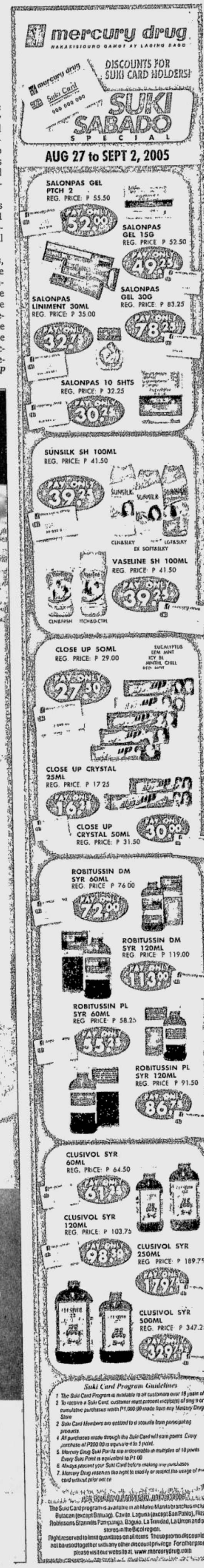
Those who know Goss well question whether the director, who took over the agency last September, will commission the disciplinary reviews.

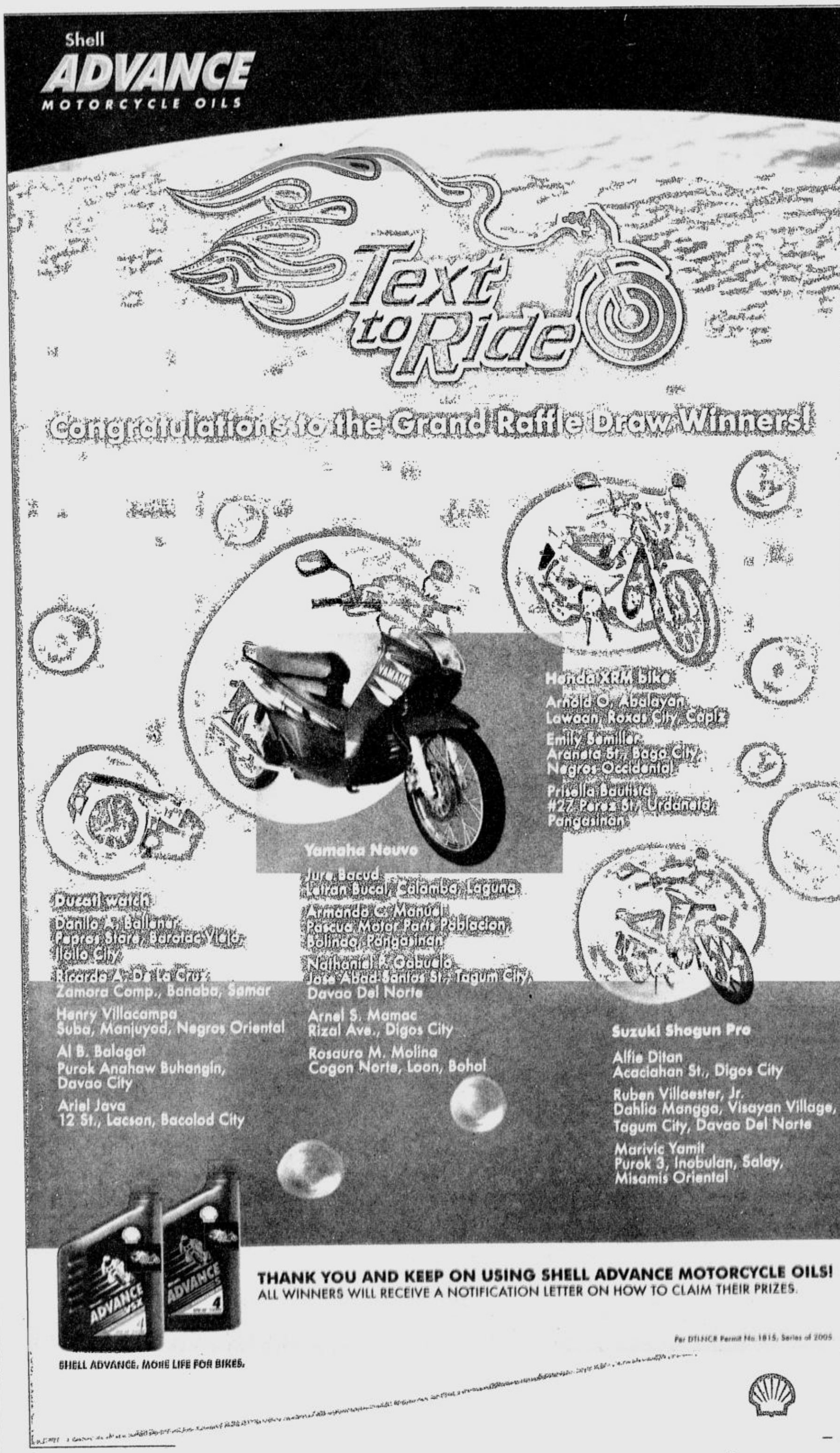
Despite public outcries for accountability, many in the intelligence community believe Goss would be loath to try to discipline popular former senior officials and cause unrest within the agency.

He may not want to go after less senior people still in the CIA's employ. Intelligence veterans say these CIA employees are the government's mostly highly trained in counterterrorism and before the Sept. 11 attacks, devoted their time to trying to stop al-Qaida terrorists. The hearings would force them to defend their careers rather than working against extremist groups.

In addition, the numerous investigations after Sept. 11 determined that an intelligence overhaul was essential to attack Muslim extremism.

Some members of Congress, including California Rep. Jane Harman, the Intelligence Committee's senior Democrat, are pushing for the CIA to produce a declassified version of the report so the public can debate these and other issues. Some family members of 9/11 victims have also called for the report's immediate release. *AP*

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## Substandard textbooks

**EDITORIAL**

AN APPALLING indicator of the poor state of basic education in the Philippines is the finding by the Department of Education that around 130 textbooks in English language instruction and the social sciences proposed by publishers for use in public schools are full of grammatical errors. In a meeting with the publishers, Education Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz did not mince words in berating the publishers. "If you want to sell to public schools, comply with our requirements and competencies," he said. "Quality begets better quality, and it's our right to buy quality."

In order to tighten the rules on textbook evaluation, every manuscript would have to satisfy four levels of evaluation, according to Luz: coverage of learning competencies; accuracy of content; presentation, vocabulary, language and visuals; and grammar. We don't know if the levels are in a descending or ascending order. If it's the latter, the finding seems to indicate that while the textbooks may have passed the requirements of content, accuracy and presentation, they have failed the last test, grammar. But, of course, we know that many textbooks fail in basic grammar and become even more problematic in content and context.

Indeed, quality begets quality. The worrisome question is, how long has the situation of erroneous textbooks been obtaining? How could publishers be so brazen as to submit for the department's evaluation and approval 130 textbooks filled with glaring errors in grammar and content?

The answer is that the publishers have been led to believe they could get away with murder because of the DepEd's historic complicity with publishers of substandard textbooks. This is an age-old complicity, running for generations. Luz might have insisted that the DepEd has the right to buy quality, but historically, it has not been doing that. It has instead bought fluff. No wonder, publishers have become so brazen. Shamelessness begets shamelessness.

The situation has obtained even when concerned parents and teachers have been protesting the erroneous textbooks. Since 2001, Antonio Calipjo Go of Marian School in Quezon City has been pointing out to the DepEd the errors of the history book, "Asya: Noon, Ngayon at sa Hinaharap," published by SB Publishing, an imprint of Vibal Publishing, perhaps the country's largest textbook publisher. But obviously exasperated by the lack of response from the department, which even approved the textbook for continued use in public schools, he had to place an ad in this paper last September to publicize the errors.

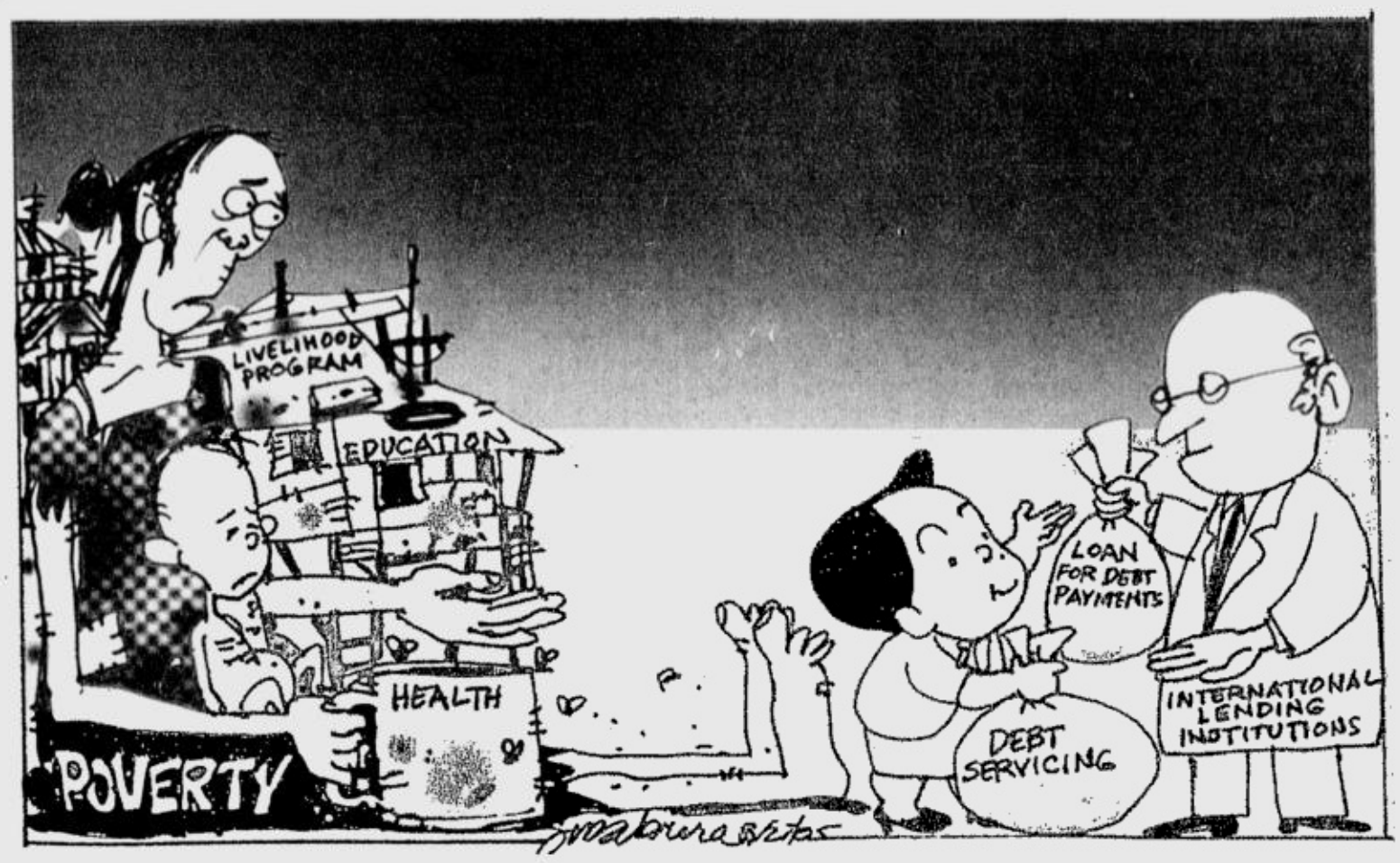
Since then, more and more textbooks have been exposed to be erroneous and even immoral. A textbook on Filipino grammar, for example, has been found to have several readings on economics and politics that basically exalt Ferdinand Marcos and Joseph Estrada and gloss over their corruption and plunder.

It should be remembered that even before, in 1999, during the administration of Joseph Estrada, the DepEd had been rocked by controversies involving textbook procurement. The department had apparently become cozy with textbook publishers so that the evaluation of textbooks submitted to it for use in public schools became largely an affair of back-slapping and camaraderie, not objectivity and scholarly rigor.

All of the efforts of Luz and the department are an attempt to rescue the image of the education establishment. However belated, the efforts must be commended. They deserve public support.

In the meantime, perhaps the public needs to hear from the National Book Development Board on the progress of its textbook review committee, which is supposed to receive complaints on errors in textbooks used in private schools. The NBDB accepts complaints, which would have to expose at least 10 errors of "facts, concepts, grammar and computation" in a textbook. The committee then evaluates the book based on its "grammatical correctness and clarity of the text; accuracy of facts, information and concepts; coherence of ideas; and other criteria specific to the learning area." If the errors are proven, the registration of the publisher will be canceled. He will also be fined P100,000.

We have yet to see if the new set-up works. But it sends the message that publishers must invest in exacting research, competent writers, scholars and editors, and creative presentation in order to improve the quality of textbooks. Books sharpen the minds of our young people. Inaccurate and poorly written books do not reinforce literacy; they abet ignorance and mediocrity. They deserve to be burned.




## Supreme Court loquacity

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

WITH THE REVIVED interest of the public in impeachment (this time of President Macapagal-Arroyo), I went back to Francisco vs. Nagmamalasakit na mga Mananganggol ng mga Manggagawang Pilipino Inc., reported from Page 44 to Page 344 and covering almost one-half of Volume 415 of the Supreme Court Reports Annotated.

This case dealt with the question of when an impeachment proceeding should be deemed initiated for the proper application of the constitutional rule that "no impeachment proceeding shall be initiated against the same official more than once within a period of one year."

The question was debated by more than 200 petitioners, government officials, intervenors, and *amici curiae* individually listed on seven pages of the SCRA before the 14 justices of the Supreme Court who eventually decided the case. The Chief Justice did not participate.

The decision of the majority written by Justice Conchita Carpio-Morales held that as "the initiation takes place by the filing of the impeachment complaint and referral to the House Committee on Justice... the meaning of Section 3(5) of Article XI becomes clear. Once an impeachment complaint has been initiated in the foregoing manner, another may not be filed against the same official within a one-year period...

"In fine, considering that the first impeachment complaint was filed by former President Estrada against Chief Justice Hilario G. Davide Jr., along with seven associate justices of this Court, on August 2, 2003 and referred to the House Committee on Justice on August 5, 2003, the second impeachment complaint filed by Representatives Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr., and Felix William Fuentebella against the Chief Justice on October 26, 2003 violates the constitutional prohibition against the initiation of impeachment proceedings against the same impeachable official within a one-year period."

This interpretation was reached in the 74-page *ponencia* after discussion of collateral issues like separation of powers, judicial review, *locus standi* distinguished from party-in interest, justiciability and other topics already sufficiently examined in previous cases. I believe they did not have to be repeated at length in the decision unless the purpose was to demonstrate the efficiency of Justice Carpio-Morales' research staff.

As if to follow the leader, or maybe to demonstrate their own juristic gifts, six justices who had come to the same conclusion as the *ponente*, filed their own concurring opinions to further congest the decision and add to the confusion. This was done by Justices Josue Bellosillo in 8 pages; Reynato Puno in 28 pages; Artemio Panganiban in 14 pages: Consuelo Ynares-Santiago in 8 pages; Romeo J. Callejo Sr. in 17 pages; and Dante O. Tinga in 28 pages.

They filled all of 108 pages of the SCRA.

Did they think that the *ponencia* was inadequate and should be supplemented with their own wisdom? Or were they simply bored for doing nothing because they had decided all the cases raffled to them and they had no more work to do except enrich Philippine jurisprudence?

Those who voted to grant the petitions and in effect dissented from the majority view were Justices Jose Vitug, Angelina Sandoval-Gutierrez, Renato Corona and Adolfo Azcuna. Justices Puno and Ynares-Santiago partly dissented and were of course entitled also to be heard.

I do not see why the decision and the separate concurring opinions had to occupy most of the time and attention of the individual justices unless they felt they had to be heard for the information—or admiration?—or exasperation?—of the public. Let me just say that the public was not impressed.

If I might modestly make a suggestion, perhaps they should attend more to the many cases still sleeping in the dockets of the Supreme Court instead of needlessly exhibiting their erudition. Anyway, not many people, including members of the bar, must have bothered to read their concurring opinions because they were simply personal opinions that did not have the ruling character of the *ponencia*. They were simply icing on the cake, and not necessarily palatable.

There were several separate opinions I filed when I was a member of the Supreme Court, but usually in dissent from the majority decision because I felt the other side should be heard. I did write a long concurring opinion in one case but that was to further exalt religious freedom, and it was one of very few exceptions. Where I simply concurred without adding to the *ponencia*, I complimented the writer by giving him the last word.

I was the *ponente* of the case of Association of Small Landowners vs. Secretary of Agrarian Reform, 175 SCRA 343, which sustained the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform, Law. It involved four petitions challenging the law on constitutional grounds. The 40-page decision discussed many vital topics like the police power, expropriation and just compensation, due process, equal protection, the land for the landless policy, and the prospects for the emancipation of the peasantry. There was no dissent from any of my 14 colleagues—and there was no separate concurring opinion either.

## Frustrations

**GET REAL**

*Solita Collas-Monsod*

THIS column is in reaction to some of the more recent news stories and opinions that I have come across, so I beg the reader's indulgence if I begin to sound like a raving maniac. I try not to be, but the frustration levels are close to maximum. I list the items down not necessarily in the order of importance.

There's the news about the finance department announcing that the government has abandoned its goal of raising P15 billion in additional revenues from "sin taxes" this year. The DOF bureaucrat quoted was quick to assure, however, that even in a worst-case scenario, the government would still be able to keep to its deficit targets.

Excuse me. In the first place, there never was a ghost of a chance, from the very beginning, that the additional P15 billion could have been collected. That estimate was nowhere near realistic, and the legislators who crafted that sorry excuse for a sin-tax reform bill knew it. They adopted it only because they wanted to avoid flak from having passed a weak and Tan-influenced bill, counting on the short memory of the public, who would have forgotten the controversy by the time the revenue shortfall became obvious.

I, too, have a short memory in that I had forgotten why that P15 billion was an overestimate. But I called up fiscal expert Nene Guevara, and she kindly supplied me the following reminders:

Sen. Ralph Recto, who authored the Senate bill, did what I can only call estimate-shopping to come up with that P15 billion. He used the estimates of the National Tax Research Center (NTRC) of total estimated incremental revenues for 2005 of **P10.4 billion** (P5.3 from cigarettes, P5.1 from beer and spirits). And by the way, independent estimates of the additional revenue from cigarettes are P1.4 billion less than the NTRC estimates. He then added P5 billion of additional revenues coming from removing the duty-free status of duty-free cigarettes. This estimate he got from the DOF, but it was for a five-year period. He forgot—or ignored—the time frame.

Recto also ignored the warning of the DOF technical staff that revenues may fall during the first year of the tax due to front-loading, where cigarette manufacturers, in anticipation of a tax increase, increase their production and withdrawals to take advantage of the old tax rates.

Let me reiterate: There wasn't a ghost of a chance that an additional P15 billion could have been collected, even had the duty-free importers not gotten a temporary restraining order from an Olongapo judge to suspend collection of taxes on their imported cigarettes. But to hear the government tell it, the P15-billion target would have been met if the cigarette manufacturers had not front-loaded and if the taxation of duty-free cigarettes had proceeded as planned.

Doubly frustrating is when, in the same breath, the government strives to reassure us that even in the "worst-case" revenue-shortfall scenario, the deficit target will still be met. That is **not** reassuring. Rather, it should strike fear in their hearts. Because the only way the deficit target will be met when revenues are not as large as expected is for expenditures to be reduced. And this expenditure-squeezing exercise is going to hit education, health, infrastructure—which means slow strangulation of the country's development prospects.

Related to this, and adding insult to injury, there are the news stories and interviews where legislators tsk-tsk about the 2006 budget estimates, and get their pictures in the papers, or get TV interviews in the process. The size of our debt service expenditures—per day or per person—always grabs the headlines year in and year out, and this is milked by those legislators. What gets me is that those legislators know how those debts arose and how they can be dealt with, in both of which aspects their involvement and cooperation were and are required. Yet they act as if they have no responsibility on the matter.

It is particularly galling to hear these legislators pontificate about how more revenues should be collected before the expenditures can be increased—again, acting as if they had no influence on those revenue levels at all. Aren't these the same legislators who postponed until next year (and then left the responsibility to the President) the increase in VAT rate to 12 percent, thus passing up the opportunity to increase revenues this year and jeopardizing those revenues next year? Aren't these the same legislators who, by continuing to use 1996 cigarette prices as the basis for the 2005 sin tax rates, passed up the opportunity for the government to collect at least P20 billion in additional revenues a year? For that matter, aren't these the same legislators who lull themselves into a false sense of security by accepting exaggerated estimates of the revenue raising powers of their bills? Argghh.

The last set of stories I want to react to are those where the opposition congressmen claim that they already have the numbers required to send the impeachment case to the Senate, as well as roomfuls of evidence to back their charges. It is ironic that although they have been claiming this since at least the 24th of July—a month ago now—media still give their claim headline treatment. Hey, folks, if you have the numbers, if you have the evidence, the so-called smoking gun, don't waste our time and don't waste the country's time. Show it, or you too will have a credibility problem. Either put up or shut up.

# Opposition shifts tactics

**POLITICAL TIDBITS**

*Belinda Olivares-Cunanan*

THE OPPOSITION in the House, which is behind the impeachment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroyo, has apparently shifted tactics. In earlier weeks, the leftists, from the moderate to the extreme, as well as Marcos elements had taken high profile in the rallies in Makati and the Batasan premises as well as in the House proceedings. But the opposition must have realized that seeing a lot of the "red flag" advocates as well as those identified with Marcos was scaring people. Now one hardly hears the likes of Representatives Satur Ocampo, Teodoro Casiño and Crispin Beltran as well as Imee Marcos in the debates. The debating is left largely to young "centrists." Note, too, that the rowdier opposition members like Representatives Rolex Suplico and Jacinto Paras have also toned down.

Another noticeable change is the opposition's declaration that it would support Vice President Noli de Castro in the event of GMA's ouster. This is a response to fears from the middle and upper classes about possible chaos in a post-GMA scenario, owing to the different agenda of various opposition groups.

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There is also a big propaganda effort to portray those representatives whom the opposition has succeeded in attracting to their side, such as Representatives Ace Barbers and Edmundo Reyes, as "idealistic" whereas those who remain with the majority coalition are portrayed as reactionary and "anti-truth." Talking with the media about House members who recently shifted to the opposition, someone cracked that Reyes doubtless did it in fear of his formidable mother-in-law, Triccie Sison, who with husband Louie Sison, was among the principal supporters of Bro. Eddie Villanueva during the last elections. As for Barbers, there are rumors that he was upset over the perception that GMA had failed to support his father, former Sen. Robert Barbers, in the last elections. Which is ironic, since the "Hello Garci" tapes had Mike Arroyo purportedly asking Virgilio Garcillano to take care of Barbers in his fight for the 12th slot with Rodolfo Biazon. Another report said that Ace was also upset that GMA did not get his father as running mate and got De Castro instead. In various columns, I saluted Bobby Barbers for his courage in being the only senator in the 12th Congress to stand up to Sen. Panfilo Lacson and fighting to get that committee report on Lacson out. But Barbers would never have made it against De Castro or even Loren Legarda.

There's also talk that Ace Barbers, who is serving his third term, wanted the post of majority leader, which went instead to second-termer Prospero Nograles. Speaker Jose de Venecia tried to appease Ace by giving him the plum post of chair of the powerful accounts committee, but that didn't seem to work.

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In a recent chat, a member of the House majority coalition told me the opposition could fall apart sooner than anyone thinks because of its members' disparate goals and agenda. This uneasy alliance, he said, is glued together only by the overpowering desire to oust GMA. For instance, he opined that the group of Tarlac Rep. Benigno Aquino III, son of former President Aquino, is ironically now forced to sleep in the same political bed as the extreme left. He recalled that not too long ago, leftist elements had incited great unrest in Hacienda Luisita which resulted in violence and led to Luisita's shutdown and the layoff of hundreds of workers, many of them long-time workers of the Cojuangco-Aquino family. The Aquino group is also allied with that of Imee Marcos, their mortal enemy at Edsa I. Truly, politics makes strange bedfellows.

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A TV anchorwoman recently noted some newspaper ads carrying the signatures of "over 600 top independent women of civil society" who expressed support for GMA "as still the best option vs. chaos." The anchorwoman asked a prominent civil society leader from Makati who paid for the full-page ads, and the latter replied that it was raised from contributions big and small. To my mind, that was not surprising—anyone among the prominent ladies in the ad could have shouldered the expenses. What was a bigger wonder was that those ladies had signified support for GMA (including the sisters from her alma mater, Assumption Convent) by signing the manifesto. It must have been very difficult to gather those signatures. Those ads spoke volumes about the support GMA continues to enjoy in civil society, despite what pundit Alex Magno termed the "carpet-bombing" of GMA in the media. This doubtless frustrates her enemies no end.

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The untimely passing of retired Army Capt. Rene Jarque, the eldest son of retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque (Ret.) and his wife Xania, was remarkable for the fact that it was mourned by people from the whole political spectrum, from left to center to right. This was evident at his wake where I learned that among the earliest to condole with the elder Jarques was President Macapagal-Arroyo, who called up General Jarque on the same afternoon the news about Rene's death came out. Rene Jarque was perceived by the various groups as honest and forthright in his convictions, and a patriot and nationalist, always seeking the betterment of the country.

The gatherings of the West Point Society of the Philippines will never be the same again without Rene. This graduate of West Point class of 1985 was invariably the favorite master of ceremonies and his wit, humor and articulateness were well appreciated as he left his audience in stitches with his quips and jokes.

To his wife Grace, their three children and his parents, our profound condolences over the passing of such a fine young man.

# A Fil-Am woman in the White House

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

JAY Leno joked that President George Bush should be congratulated for appointing the first woman executive chef at the White House.

"Finally, a woman in the White House kitchen! What progress!" Leno chortled, as the audience laughed out loud.

Not to denigrate the accomplishments of Cristeta Pasia-Comerford, the Fil-American chef who has parlayed her nutrition degree in Manila and restaurant experience in the United States to land her present job of planning the menus and preparing the meals of the Bushes and their guests, perhaps the most important personages in the world. But I don't think American women and feminists around the world should rejoice just yet. As Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman put it: "(President George Bush) didn't follow his wife's advice to nominate a woman to the Supreme Court, but he did let her appoint the first woman chef to rule the White House kitchen. Who said there wasn't progress?"

At least, Malacañang didn't try to put a feminist "spin" on the news of Comerford's appointment, although it did try to milk the item of all its propaganda value, including how Comerford's accomplishment brings pride to all Filipinos. But one Filipino, who happens to be Comerford's older brother, took offense at the Palace's attempts to somehow link President Macapagal-Arroyo to the coattails of the White House executive chef.

"Please do not use Comerford to solve your need for correct recipes to address the hunger of our people for justice and food," wrote Dan Pasia in a letter to the editor, instantly deflating the President's self-congratulatory balloon, I'm sure.

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ACTUALLY, appointing a Filipino or a Fil-American to take charge of the White House kitchen has been long overdue. Filipinos, particularly cooks with the US Navy, have long been preparing meals for the White House occupants, albeit never in an executive position.

I remember encountering two such Fil-Am cooks at the White House during the first visit of President Cory Aquino. Walking away from the media gauntlet that greeted the arrival of Tita Cory, we saw two men in white uniforms standing by a doorway, grinning at us. They worked in the White House kitchen, they informed us, adding that many other Fil-Ams worked in other parts of the executive house. Indeed, a Filipino was even a peripheral figure in the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal, a valet who provided Monica with one of the President's cigars that was used in one of the more sensational episodes of the affair.

Filipinos, it seems, have long been an indispensable part of life in Washington, D.C. As an ambassador of a East European country once told me: "Do you know the biggest secret in Washington? Filipinos are really the ones in charge! Visit the White House, the State Department, the World Bank and practically all the embassies, and you'll find their offices and kitchens staffed almost wholly by Filipinos."

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WHILE we take pride in how Filipino-Americans have earned the trust and confidence of American officialdom and the diplomatic community, and of wealthy and prominent families in different parts of the world, we do need to acknowledge, too, that they're mostly confined to serving in the background, silently serving the daily needs of their employers, with little hope of rising above the station of domestic workers.

Sure, there is nothing to be ashamed about domestic work, and our compatriots in the world's kitchens and nurseries have nothing to apologize for. Theirs is indeed honorable and honest work. But isn't it also time we aspired for—and gave recognition to—compatriots in the front room, in the limelight?

I'd looked forward to watching "The Great Raid," having read "Ghost Soldiers," one of the books on which the movie was based, when it was first published. Even in the book, the role of the Filipino guerrillas led by Capt. Juan Pajota and Captain Joson was minimized, with most of the attention paid to the brave American Rangers. So I suppose I shouldn't have been so disappointed that Cesar Montano, as Captain Pajota, should have appeared almost midway through the movie, or that a Filipino underground operative should have been portrayed by a Fil-Australian actress with a hideous and obviously faked "Peeleepeenoh" accent.

Also annoying was how Filipino place names, like Calasiao in Pangasinan, would be so carelessly misspelled ("Calasio"), with the director obviously not seeing any need to employ a Filipino consultant to make sure the movie was at least accurate.

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BY THE WAY, the book was entitled "Ghost Soldiers" because it referred to how the American veterans of Bataan felt in the three years since the Usaffe's defeat and their shameful surrender. As "The Great Raid's" narrator declared, even if there was no strategic advantage to be gained by liberating the prisoners in Cabanatuan, it was important all the same so the prisoners would know that they hadn't been forgotten, and that the American people still valued their sacrifice and bravery.

But long after their rescue and triumphant arrival in the United States, author Hampton Slides wrote that the Bataan veterans continued to bear the brunt of their perceived "failure," exhibiting all the signs of post-traumatic stress syndrome and battle fatigue displayed by Vietnam vets, exacerbated by the perception that they had somehow let their country down.

But if the American Bataan survivors fell into depression after the war, can you imagine how the Filipino survivors felt, especially after their service and sacrifice were deemed unequal to that of their American comrades? The failure to mention this historical injustice was the biggest gap in an otherwise fine movie.

# Some useless trivia

**SENSE AND SENSIBILITY**

*Bambi L. Harper*

WE'RE all suffering from an overdose of bad news in more ways than one. Everybody and his grandmother it seems wants his or her 15 minutes of fame. Unfortunately, they go on and on as to whether the tapes are real or they're not real, Garci's location or non-location, did she cheat, who hasn't cheated, who cares? There's a real fiscal crisis and oil crisis out here, but our esteemed leaders prefer, I guess, to give their opinions on such world-shaking, up-to-the-minute testimony of still another minor functionary who heard this or that, third-hand no less, ad nauseum, ad infinitum. Spare me.

By the way, if we're being asked to go on bicycles or use our feet to save gas, are we still subsidizing our duly elected representatives with fuel for their SUVs? Is it possible that we're paying for their back-up cars, too? What did I say about a populace that tolerates this kind of BS?

In the event that you're as bored to death as I am and prefer to entertain yourself with useless information, I've got loads of that. Diaz Arenas has this report on Philippine export products in the 1830s like, for example, deer tendons that were sent to China where the natives considered them a delicacy (another of those demented aphrodisiacs no doubt). I'm not advocating tendon exports, seeing as the only deer left in town would probably be in the zoo.

We were also exporting not only tortoise shell to the Celestials but the "claws" as well which the women used as hair ornaments and were even more costly than the shells. (Would Tessa approve? They weren't as yet endangered.)

There were white hats from Bulacan and sleeping mats made of *buri* and *sabutan*. The best known were from Laguna. We also sent carabao hide to Europe and China, which must mean that we had enough carabaos roaming around. It was used to make glue and cured for sole leather. Factories in Quiapo, on the other hand, were producing soap and selling to Singapore.

Cotton cloth was woven in Ilocos and a light weave with colored stripes was used for curtains. *Madriñaque* was a coarse abaca cloth woven in Southern Luzon and the Visayas. A large quantity of this was sold to the United States and used for lining woolen garments. There was a finer and more closely woven abaca cloth called *ginaras* which was for local consumption.

Then there was *sinamay* and *nipis* made from abaca and pineapple fibers with colored stripes, embroidery and drawn work. Both men and women used this cloth because they were cool and suitable for the climate. Women used them for dresses and shawls, and it is said that embroidery showed off beautifully because of the transparency and fineness of the textile. Colored silk thread was mixed with the fibers in weaving and the best came from Camarines and Iloilo.

Local ladies wore the same dress at home as they wore to church, with the difference that they put a kerchief over their head. They wore no hats or parasols and few carried handbags, but they bought Barcelona lace in quantity which they made into shawls, embroidering them as they fancied. For their skirts poor women used *cambaya*, a coarse white cotton cloth with blue stripes forming squares.

This is useful to know in case we can't afford grocery prices any more and have to go back to hand labor due to the price of fuel. Here's how to make sugar. Sugar from Pangasinan, Iloilo, Cebu and Ilocos arrived in Manila as loaves wrapped in thick leaves. If the loaves were large, they were placed in clay molds. The upper part was white and this was separated from the lower which was blackish and damp. Both were placed in separate wooden containers and placed over clay pots into which the molasses were filtered. Over them a coat of mud was placed (in some provinces they used banana trunks) and it remained there for two weeks. The process was repeated two or three times to purify the sugar. The sediments were boiled in a large cauldron. All the sugar gathered in the container was called *tambobo*. It was dried in the sun, packed in bags by hand and tied with rattan. Thus it was made ready for sale. (Dilemma: We would have to use plastic bags instead of burlap, and plastics need fuel to produce. Worse, rattan is now imported.)

Coconut oil was used for lighting, and in some provinces like Pangasinan, they used sesame oil which gave off a reddish light. Laguna oil was preferred because it had no odor. It was prepared by boiling. Visayan oil was extracted by exposing the meat to the sun and letting it rot. Whatever wasn't used was exported to Singapore. (Sorry folks, coconut plantations have been converted into resorts and parceled off for housing developments after land reform, otherwise you could substitute the oil for lighting your *kinques* and pulley lamps to save on your electric bill.)

Here are some names of mahogany that must have been common in Diaz Arenas' days but certainly not in ours. *Alintatao* had a beautiful dark yellow color, while *malatapay* was yellow with coffee-colored veins. Both were used to make furniture. *Lanete* was white and applied as inlay. Then there was a purple wood that I can't imagine called *nazareno*. For floors of houses and ship boards, *mangachapuy* and *banaba* were used. It's possible some of us are still familiar with *yakal*, *palo-maria* and *baticuling*, but who has seen *dungo* lately? Unfortunately, our forests are gone and our children will just have to make do with plastic furniture.

(*Data from Rafael Diaz Arenas, "Report on Commerce & Shipping," 1830*)

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# The ride home

**YOUNG BLOOD**

*Chona Suner-Narvadez*

*We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.*—**Ed.**

I WAS in a jeepney going home from work. The wind was warm and blowing my hair around my face. I was feeling terribly tired. My eyes ached from working in front of the computer the whole day.

Somewhere between slumber and waking to another person's cry of "*Bayad paki-abot,*" it hit me that I had never imagined myself riding jeepneys all my life. I've been out of college for more than five years now, but still I do not see any rosy future and easy life for me and my family.

I belong to the minority who don't believe that going out of the country is the only way to get the most out of life. If all should leave, who would stay behind to mind the store?

I have seen talented people leave and find their dream. I have attended reunions where those who were considered successful were the ones who left and earned dollars and dinars. The increasingly common thinking is that if you're not in this country, then you're made and your future and your children's future are secure.

Mothers are proud to announce that their sons or daughters are abroad. Teachers are proud that their students are abroad. Even the neighbors proudly declare that the biggest and nicest house in the village was built by owners who are working abroad.

I don't despise the many people who think, dream and plan to leave this country. My husband, an employee of a multinational company which provides generous benefits and perks, is begging me to let him go to the United Kingdom and to join his only brother and his family and work at odd jobs that will add up to a huge amount back here. This will allow us to pay in full our 20-year house mortgage, he argues. And going there will ensure that we will never have to worry anymore about monthly bills, tuition fees, insurance expenses, even shopping money.

I refuse to see the rosy picture that he is painting in my mind. I stubbornly cling to the belief that we can make it here; we just need to work out a budget plan and stick to it, think of ways to save and earn additional income, live simply and pray.

That day in the jeepney, however, I realized that I was limiting myself to seeing only a romantic vision. It's like looking at an Amorsolo and believing that such innocence still exists. The reality is that no matter how we strictly adhere to a budget plan, search for other income sources and pray hard, it is still a struggle to stretch our salaries from one payday to the next. In my idealism I fail to imagine the possibilities if I would only see what is reality and imagination.

As I looked out of the jeepney's window, I wondered: Why I am limiting myself to this point of view? Why am I being stubborn? Why do I refuse to consider going to another country to earn a living as a realistic alternative? My nationalism and patriotism will not be diminished if I allow my husband to leave and work abroad.

My point is that the consequences of my husband leaving us far outweigh the benefits. I want a father to guide my children, someone they can play with and turn to without constraints, not a father who will call occasionally and send letters and boxes of goodies to make up for his absence.

I have heard of relationships cracking and ultimately breaking up because of distance. I have heard of unhappy families whose parents were working abroad.

Right now, I believe that our family is truly blessed. We have a house that we can almost call our home (though technically my mom owns it because she's the borrower of the money used for its construction). We have healthy and bright kids who are growing up normally. We have a great romantic relationship that has been going on for eight years now. We have stable jobs—me in the government and he in the private sector—though my salary is not something I can brag about. About our only problem is the lack of moolah. Otherwise, we can truly say that we have a picture-perfect life.

While I was thinking about all these things, I was still in the jeepney on my way home from work. I had no idea why the driver was taking so long to get me home. The wind lashing at my face was becoming irritating. I wanted to freshen up. I was not feeling good. I just wanted to finally say, "*Para ho.*"

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**THEY SAID**

## Duties of citizens

"Coming to Britain is not a right and even when people have come here, staying here carries with it a duty. That duty is to share and support the values that sustain the British way of life."

*—British Prime Minister Tony Blair*

## Manila isn't RP

"What we are really saying is, not everything in politics is done in Manila, so there's a lot that is very positive that is being done outside Manila."

*—Institute for Solidarity in Asia chair Jesus Estanislao on the eight promising cities that have fared well and have inched closer to the goals they aimed to accomplish*

## Life goes on

"There is still hope for our country. While the national government is concerned with the impeachment, the cities are moving forward. The cities have bonded to ensure that basic services are delivered."

*—Iloilo Mayor Jerry Treñas on the Institute for Solidarity in Asia's Public Governance System, a performance measurement tool that was a public sector adaptation of the corporate "balanced scorecard" principle*

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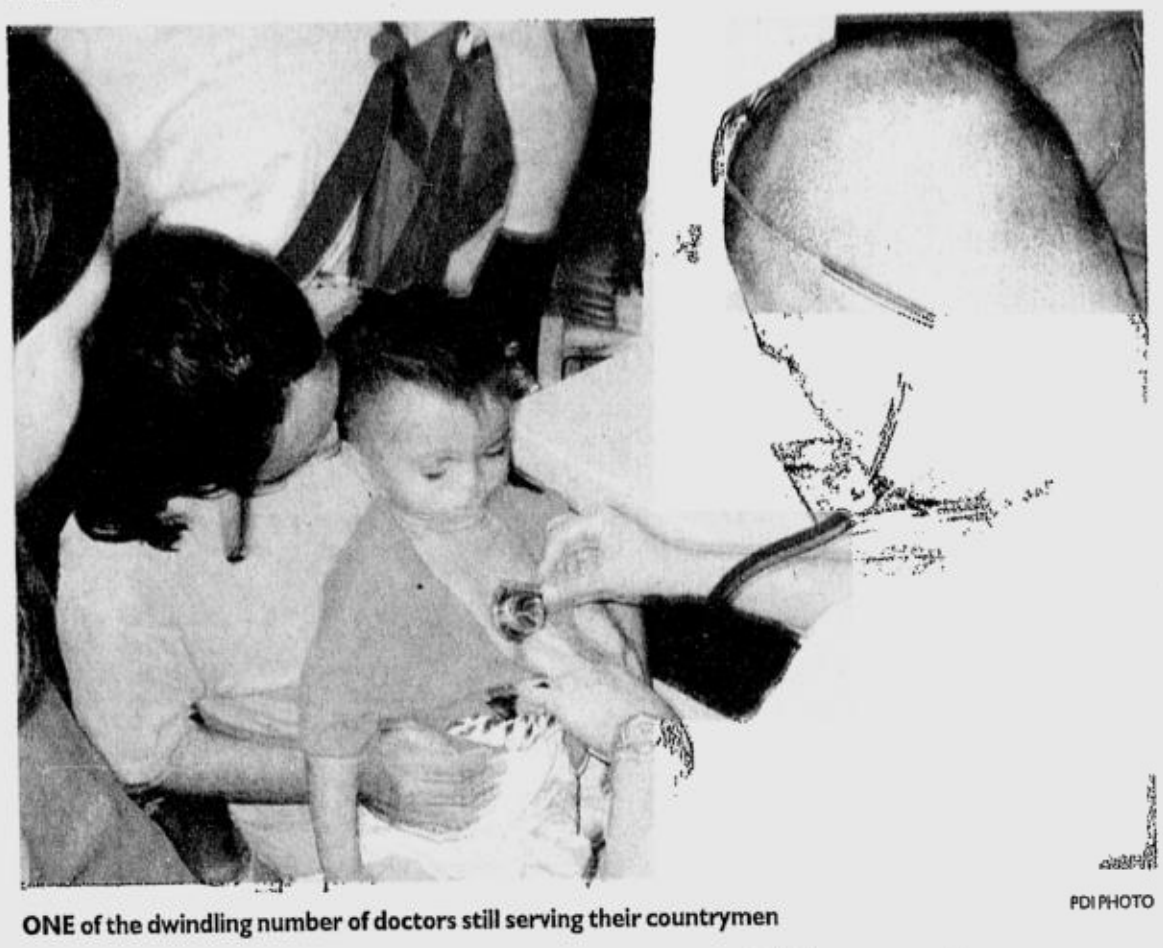

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ONE of the dwindling number of doctors still serving their countrymen

# Good governance will make doctors stay in the Philippines

IN THE NEXT few years, the Philippines will be "doctorless." Why are doctors leaving the country?

Doctors who are employed in government hospitals or in municipal health offices earn a gross monthly income ranging from P9,700 to P23,500 only. They work in government health institutions that are ill-equipped, if not lacking in facilities. Most of the time, too, supplies are not enough. These conditions make diagnosis and treatment of patients difficult.

Meanwhile, the salary of a nurse abroad ranges from $3,000 to $4,000 a month. And workload and work-related risks are less because a nurse has less responsibilities.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has failed to address the exodus of health professionals. Their clamor for a more favorable working environment has been ignored. The national health budget continues to be reduced, depriving decrepit government hospitals in Metro Manila and the provinces of much-needed facilities and supplies.

Instead, Ms Arroyo has promoted labor export as a solution to the economic problems of the country. She has focused her energies to hold on to her position. Corruption cases continue to hound her administration. Corruption is certainly the toughest disease that has infected this land and Ms Arroyo is at the heart of it.

Doctors find that growth and development are difficult to attain in a government dying because of corruption. Doctors leave because they find practicing their profession difficult under such circumstances, in addition to their problems of low pay and difficult working conditions.

The Arroyo administration has to shape up or ship out. Shaping up would encourage doctors and nurses to stay and serve our countrymen.

The Filipinos long to experience the core values of truth, integrity, renewal, peace and hope. These are principles that symbolize and define our aspirations. A change in the national leadership is necessary in order for us to move forward with dignity.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

## Meralco's marketing arm

POWER consumers lauded the initiative of the Energy Regulatory Commission to hold the "Consumer Hour" last July 29, 2005. This is what Pete Ilagan of National Association of Electricity Consumers for Reforms has been suggesting to the ERC—to give the consumers a forum where they could share with each other their observations on how the ERC, as a regulator, handles the petitions filed by the utilities, and how it promulgates guidelines and rules as mandated by the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira).

In the initial hearing of the Meralco petition for a rate increase last July 20, Ilagan vehemently objected to the ERC plan of inviting Meralco to the "Consumer Hour." He pointed out that since it was a consumer forum, then it should have only consumers as its participants. He added that Meralco could have its separate consumer forum if it wished to.

We were surprised, therefore, to see the presence of a huge number of Meralco officers and staff—a show of force, indeed—at the July 29 "Consumer Hour."

More homeowners' associations in Metro Manila could have been represented in that forum had the ERC sent out invitations in advance. Apparently, this first consumer forum turned out to be a Meralco forum, haphazardly organized by the ERC to show its not too subtle support for Meralco's new rate hike petition. The PowerPoint presentation made by Meralco, notwithstanding Ilagan's previous objections, gave us the impression that the ERC has become a marketing arm of Meralco. We hope we are wrong.

The consumers welcome this so-called "Consumer Hour" and we hope that this be done on a regular basis. However, we request the ERC to hold the subsequent fora strictly for residential consumers. We also expect the ERC to send out letters of invitation to the presidents of various homeowners' associations in Metro Manila.

**—WILLY R. ESPIRITU, Federation of Homeowners Association in Barangay Don Bosco, Parañaque City**

## A lesson on giving credit where it is due

IN BEHALF of the Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal Foundation (CCMF), let me congratulate the INQUIRER for your powerful editorial on "Kids behind bars" (PDI, 8/20/05), which brought to fore the plight of minors in prison and the failures of the Philippine justice system; and how government seems to react only when the American media make noise.

The editorial cited filmmaker Ditsi Carolino's award-winning film "Bunso," a film that should have made us sit up and notice the issues in the first place. We totally agree. But please allow us to clarify that the "Consuelo" in the Consuelo Foundation that supported Carolino's opus is **not** the philanthropist Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal Collantes, but another generous Consuelo, Consuelo Zobel Alger (www.consuelo.org).

The foundation that Chito Madrigal-Collantes established is called Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal Foundation Inc. (CCMF) (www.chitomadrigal.org). CCMF is concerned with the plight of urban poor communities in Bicol, Payatas and Bulacan. It is currently undertaking programs to increase the ability of poor families to improve their lives, sustain their livelihood and enhance human dignity.

CCMF lauds Carolino's efforts and the admirable support that our "*tocayo*" Consuelo Foundation provided, but we cannot take credit for what it did not do.

Our best regards and highest esteem to the INQUIRER, Carolino and the Consuelo Foundation.

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## Breastfeeding as political tool

LAST Aug. 1, President Macapagal-Arroyo launched Breastfeeding Month. However, Ms Arroyo chose the occasion to launch tirades against the opposition and to shield herself from the controversies currently besieging her, instead of speaking for infants—especially those belonging to very poor families, who need to be saved from death or malnutrition due to formula-feeding.

The Association for the Rights of Children in Southeast Asia (ARC-SEA), together with the Philippine General Hospital Pediatrics Department, Ospital ng Maynila, and the Manila Health Department, promotes exclusive breastfeeding for at least six months, especially among first-time mothers. After all, babies have the right to be nourished with the best possible food—which is breast milk.

But breastfeeding advocacy is a very difficult undertaking. We have to contend with transnational milk companies that spend billions of pesos in promoting their products. There is an ongoing series of public hearings spearheaded by the Department of Health on the Milk Code. In each of these hearings, well-heeled and well-paid lawyers of transnational milk companies are in full attendance, using their legalese to downplay the scientific evidence of breast milk's supremacy as infant food.

More frustrating is the fact that the activity spearheaded by the PGH Department of Pediatrics on that same day, calling attention to breastfeeding (with famous artists painting breastfeeding mothers, garbed in various Filipiniana costumes, and their babies), did not get media attention. Imagine the feat of putting together revered artists like Napoleon Abueva, Arceli Dans, Juvenal Sanso, Anita Magsaysay-Ho, the Baldemors of Paete, Gig de Pio, Celia Diaz-Laurel, Cocoy Laurel, Phyllis Zaballero, Teresita Duldulao, Clarissa Perez, Lito Sanchez, Janice Luison Young and Aladin Antiqueno. Proceeds from the finished artworks will benefit PGH's breastfeeding program, which includes a plan to set up a human "milk bank" within the year.

With this recent show of apathy toward breastfeeding, Ms Arroyo casts doubt on her sincerity in promoting the welfare of infants and children, despite her recent media blitz involving children and children's projects. She has deceived us many times with her promises and lies and no amount of publicity can undo the deceptions. The Arroyo government is no longer in a position to champion the children's cause because its programs are more on words and PR and less on action.

**—SOPHIA FLOR P. GARDUCE, executive director, Association for the Rights of Children in Southeast Asia (ARC-SEA), 1051 Don Pedro St., Singalong, Manila**

## Have we lost our sense of morality?

WHAT have we done to our country?

One can't help but feel sick with all the news about the Philippines that we're getting today. It seems that in this country, presidents can get away (and with applause yet during the Sona) with the padding of votes, kidnapping of witnesses, etc.

Witnesses who come out against powerful and influential public officials either end up getting "rescued" in a dubious manner or retracting their statements in tears.

Members of the House of Representatives proudly announce their decisions on the impeachment complaint even before they get to the hearings and presentation of evidence.

Law enforcers raid houses to confiscate evidence that shows cheating by administration and Comelec officials in the 2004 elections.

Then we have a Church that closes its eyes to "pray and discern" as if a mountain of evidence (coupled with "suspicious" coincidences) were beyond its ken and vision; a citizenry that swallows all the lies of government officials, hook, line and sinker; a supposedly intelligent and idealistic studentry doing nothing in the face of serious crimes committed or still being committed by their similarly well-educated public officials; and the also educated and relatively well-off middle class indifferent to the crisis.

Meanwhile, the government is imposing additional taxes as a response to fare increases and to the rise in the prices of oil, electricity, water, food and nearly every other basic commodity, while salaries and wages remain the same.

What is the root cause of our apathy and inaction? Our concern for survival? Or is it because we are so tired of the shenanigans of our politicians? (But how can we be so tired, when we have done very little yet?)

The answer is no. It simply means we have either lost our sensibility or our morality or both. Every day we see wrongdoings, but we prefer not to bother ourselves with them. When some people call for action against irregularities, we distance ourselves from them and brand them as deviants, crazies, subversives, even terrorists. Otherwise, we only watch the news and pretend everything is fine while the specter of economic and political disaster hangs over all our heads. In the end, we should ask ourselves, are we any better than the vile *trapos* and criminals we allow to get away with their crimes?

**—RHODORA TENORO, Barangay Barangka, Marikina City**

## Visayas governors, lead the way to federalism

THE NOW dormant threat of the Visayas governors to secede from the national government to form a Visayas Republic should not be dismissed as plain bravado. It is, to my mind, an expression, unintended it may be, of the sentiment of our people favoring a federal system of government which could have evolved were it not for the colonization of our islands by the Spaniards.

Before Spanish rule, the Filipinos had their own unit of local government called *barangay*. Our country was composed of several independent and autonomous barangays. In the course of time, the barangays confederated for the limited purpose of "mutual protection and cooperation," each retaining governmental powers necessary to promote the general welfare and prosperity of their respective constituents. The Confederation of Madya-as of Panay under Datu Sumakwel is a case in point.

The Spaniards dealt a fatal blow to the evolution toward federalism. They established a centralized government which exercised all sovereign powers in pursuance of its policy of colonization and subjugation. The gradual unfolding of the primitive genius of our forebears in governance was thus nipped in the bud.

That was how Imperial Manila started. And its central authority continues to wreck havoc on local government units and their constituents to this day because the national government today has chosen to perpetuate the corruption, abuses and excesses of the central government during Spanish regime.

When the Americans came, they retained the centralized government system instituted by the Spaniards even if they knew that their country was doing well under a federal system. After all, the Americans were also first-class colonizers who came here to subjugate us.

Thus, until today, our nation suffers under the same kind of centralized government that oppressed our forebears.

A centralized government allows its chief executive to be omnipotent, where he or she is like an elected monarch, immune from suits and impervious to criticism. Accumulated scandals cannot move him or her out of power. If he or she commits a clear betrayal of public trust, his or her act is simply called "lapse in judgment."

It is in the nature of a highly centralized government to reduce the people into molecular elements unworthy of respect. It is their misfortune under the system to be always imposed upon—e.g., with taxes, violation of rights and the burden to support a government that squanders their right to a better life.

Perhaps, it is now time to look back to our past. Let us revive the evolutionary thrust toward a federal system, which our forebears started. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, federalism is the only salvation of the republic.

Visayas governors, lead the way!

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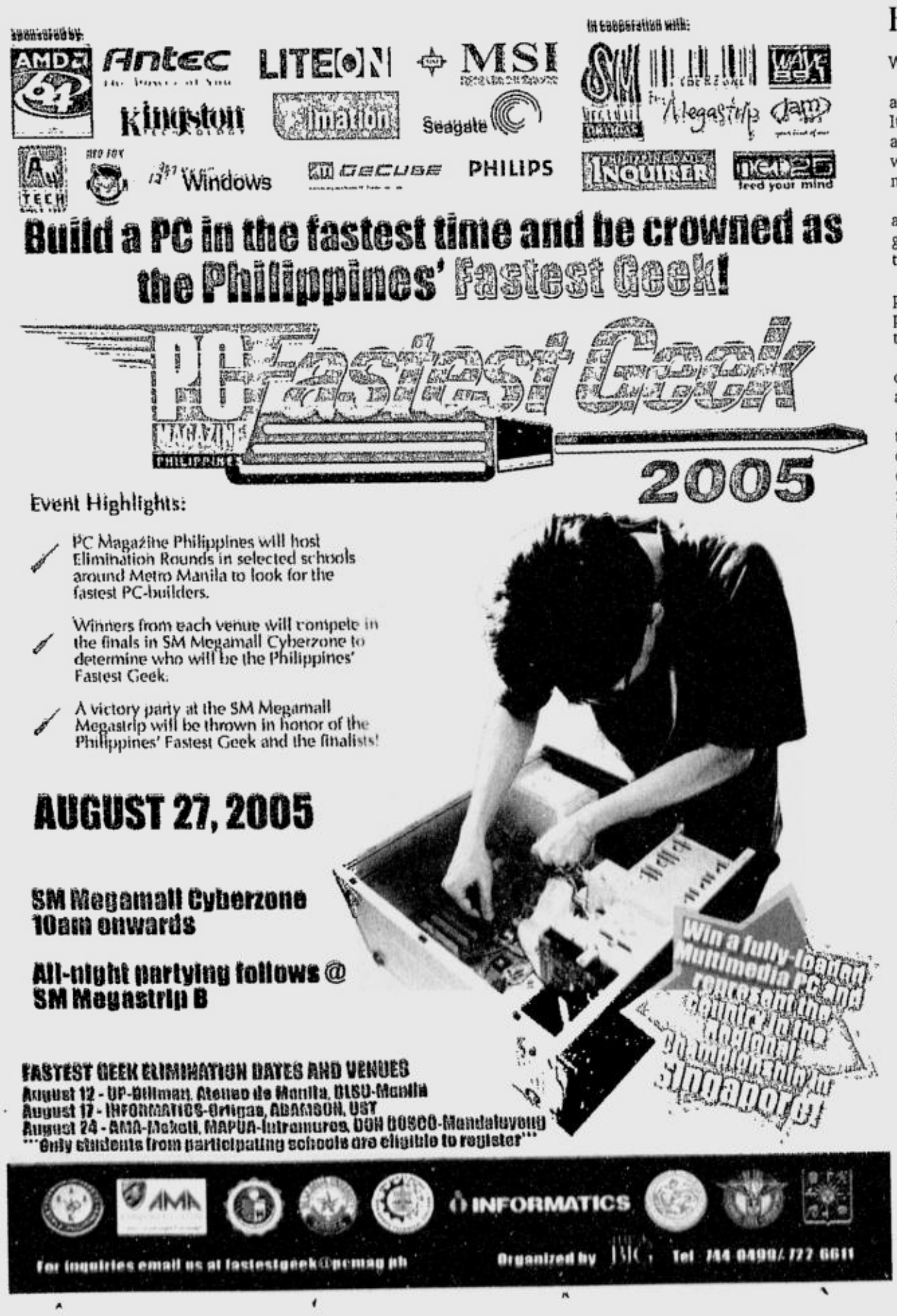

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# Making things happen sans politicking

By Hazel P. Villa
*Jordan, Guimaras*

CHILDREN playing with sea cows amid dense sea grass coastlines dotted with mangroves, clean streets and homes, child-friendly schools, "birth-spaced" families and no politicking.

This may sound like a postcard-pretty picture of your dream Philippine village but this is a reality in Barangay Hoskyn, Jordan town in the island-province of Guimaras.

In fact, many local government units come over to check out what is so right about this coastal barangay of 2,325 people.

"The first thing we did was to establish a harmonious relationship among ourselves in the council as well as [observe] cooperation, discipline, sincerity and transparency in governance," said Hoskyn Barangay Captain Alfredo Occeñola, 59.

The barangay has received numerous awards at the provincial level because of these practices, among them the "cleanest barangay" in 2003, "most child-friendly" from 2002 to the present, "tourism-friendly" in 2004 and Model Barangay of the Gawad ng Pangulo Kapaligiran Awards in 2002.

Barangay Councilor Laura Otos, 50, said the awards did not come that easy.

Barangay Hoskyn was formerly called "Sanao" but changed its name in honor of the English philanthropist Hilbert Hoskyn who lived in the village during World War II.

Records showed that Hoskyn helped the locals by giving them medicines, food and anything within his means. The people loved him so much they named the place after him.

The village is also famous for its Balaan Bukid (Holy Mountain) where the annual Pagtaltal sa Guimaras (Crucifixion in Guimaras) is held during Holy Week.

The fish catch started to decline from the 1980s to the 1990s due to the population boom and the illegal use of fine-mesh nets that caught even the fries.

Otos recalled that the people ignored family planning. There were many early marriages while young people were into premarital sex.

Aside from these, the children had intestinal worms and were malnourished while the village only had a few health facilities.

*Kaingin* (slash-and-burn farming) eroded soil from the village's watershed area of 20 hectares and the once-plentiful sea grass started to disappear.

PRESCHOOL children at Barangay Hoskyn's Day Care Center in Jordan, Guimaras get good teachers whose salaries are partly subsidized by the barangay council. PHOTOS BY HAZEL P. VILLA

## Intervention

The timely intervention of international organizations like the United Nations Children's Fund and the Save the Children Federation (SCF) as well as provincial and national assistance stopped the decline of the village.

With the assistance of the SCF, one of the country's forerunners in population, health and environment (PHE) programs, the residents embraced the People and Environment Co-existence Development Project (Pesco-Dev) in 2000.

The SCF, through the Pesco-Dev project, strongly believes in integrated PHE approach as the key to meeting sustainable community development goals.

With the Pesco-Dev, they identified their assets and problems using the Appreciative Community Mobilization (ACM) approach.

Through the guidance of SCF, the residents and their leaders "discovered" their strengths and challenges, "dreamt" about their future, "designed" a plan to achieve that dream and "delivered" actions to realize their visions.

Otos said they addressed their environmental problems first.

The upland residents planted 2,000 seedlings of acacia mangium in 2002 and jackfruit and mahogany trees in 2004. The fisherfolk planted 2,500 mangrove propagules in Sitio Baluarte and 2,000 more in Sitio Sambag.

Family Planning sessions were also held in the six sitios of the village where couples were taught the rights of their children, the importance of "birth spacing," and their responsibilities as parents and role models.

"The family planning sessions were really a challenge to us. The women were complaining that the pills might give them cancer and the men said the condoms reduced sensation," said Otos in Hiligaynon.

The residents also participated in the making of the village's Annual Development Plan (ADP). During the Sitio Assemblies, the council gathered comments and suggestions for improvement of village concerns that were then incorporated into the planning of activities.

These were not implemented until the final ADP was presented to the Sitio Assemblies for their approval, said Otos.

## Inspiring leadership

Both Occeñola and Otos admitted that going about good governance was not an easy task without the support of the Jordan municipal government.

The two said the absence of politicking among the municipal leaders has bode well for the fourth class town's 14 barangays. More than five of these barangays have been cited by the provincial and national governments for several outstanding practices in waste management, tourism, education and child-friendly practices.

The absence is mainly due to the fact that the mayor, vice mayor and all the councilors, except for one from the opposition, belonged to one party and had remained united in achieving town goals.

Good governance at the municipal level has had a "multiplier effect" on some barangays that emulated their town's leadership styles and practices, said Lanie Torato, SCF's program coordinator in Jordan.

"Our style is consultative. We have our ideas but we go to the people to ask what they want and what to prioritize. Empowerment is the key to get things done. We give the decision-making to the people," said Jordan Mayor Felipe Hilan Nava, 41, a doctor and younger brother of Guimaras Gov. JC Rahman Nava.

In an unprecedented move, the town paid P355,000 annually for the PhilHealth Insurance of 3,000 families and appropriated P50,000 for the Red Cross.

Additional honorarium was also given to the town's 103 health workers and each of the 14 barangays had one Barangay Nutrition Scholar.

These days, Mayor Nava is excited with the construction of six health centers and the renovation of two others this August through a full grant from the Japanese Embassy that amounted to P5 million.

This is on top of three new health centers funded by the Integrated Community Health Services Project through AusAID in 2001. Three other barangays have their functional health centers.

Vice Mayor Ronie Segobre, 42, said what used to be a hindrance to good governance was the people's values.

Their constituents, he said, were resistant to interventions that may affect their livelihood even if it was for the general good, citing the slash-and-burn practices of farmers in the upland areas and fishermen who took a long time in doing away with illegal fishing methods.

"In the process of changing their values and beliefs about their community, we also introduced alternative livelihood like cattle fattening, vegetable gardening and gear swapping (illegal fishing gears changed to legal ones)," said Segobre, adding that even cleanliness as a way of life had to be reintroduced.

Jordan is the first town in the province to have a solid waste management ordinance and a landfill site cum eco-park in Barangay Bugnay.

There is waste segregation in all public places where trash is brought to a "material recovery facility" at the public market that uses a shredder to turn biodegradable waste into compost that is in turn brought to the eco-park of three hectares.

"Our target is zero waste management on the 11th year in the sense that the municipal government does not have to collect trash because the households can now contain their own garbage," said Segobre, a political science graduate of the University of Iloilo.



BARANGAY chair Occeñola points out the shoreline of Barangay Hoskyn in Jordan, Guimaras that is now being replanted with more mangroves.

## Child friendly

Jordan has been known for being child-friendly before other towns in the country seriously practiced it.

Municipal Councilor Grace Gaitan, 43, recalled that in 1999, she was the town's coordinator of the Unicef's Country Program for Children (CPC) V when she met with midwives and representatives of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Rural Health Unit, Municipal Planning and Development Office and SCF.

They assessed the state of the town's children, and submitted the data to the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) in Manila for evaluation. The rest led to a success story for Jordan's children.

As a CPC V Coordinator, Gaitan was inspired to become involved in putting in place child-friendly practices for Jordan.

These include Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities Training (Erpat), which promotes healthy relations between husbands and their wives; the Parenting Education Sessions, which educates parents and caregivers on healthy family life, child's rights and positive values and practices of child rearing; and the barangay protection for children.

These programs are implemented in collaboration with the Unicef, SCF, DSWD and the provincial government.

The CWC, with the encouragement of Governor Nava persuaded Jordan to join the search for the child-friendly municipality in 2000 by giving evaluation tools to the town.

Although they emerged as a runner-up, this did not dampen their spirits but inspired them to push for legislations and programs for children.

Thus, the Jordan Children's Code was created. The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC), and the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children were reactivated and strengthened with the MCPC taking the lead role in coordinating, monitoring and documenting all programs related to children.

In 2002, Jordan won as the "Most Child-Friendly Town" in the country in the category for fourth class municipalities. Its Jordan Youth Movement was a finalist in the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations competition in 2004, belonging to the Top 20 qualifiers.

## Efficient tax collection

Mayor Nava said that he prioritized revenue collection so that the town could realize its development goals. "We went through many processes," he said. These include conducting a pilot-test on how to increase revenue collection, trainings in law making, and putting in place a computerized legislative tracking system and a geographic information system that organized tax collection.

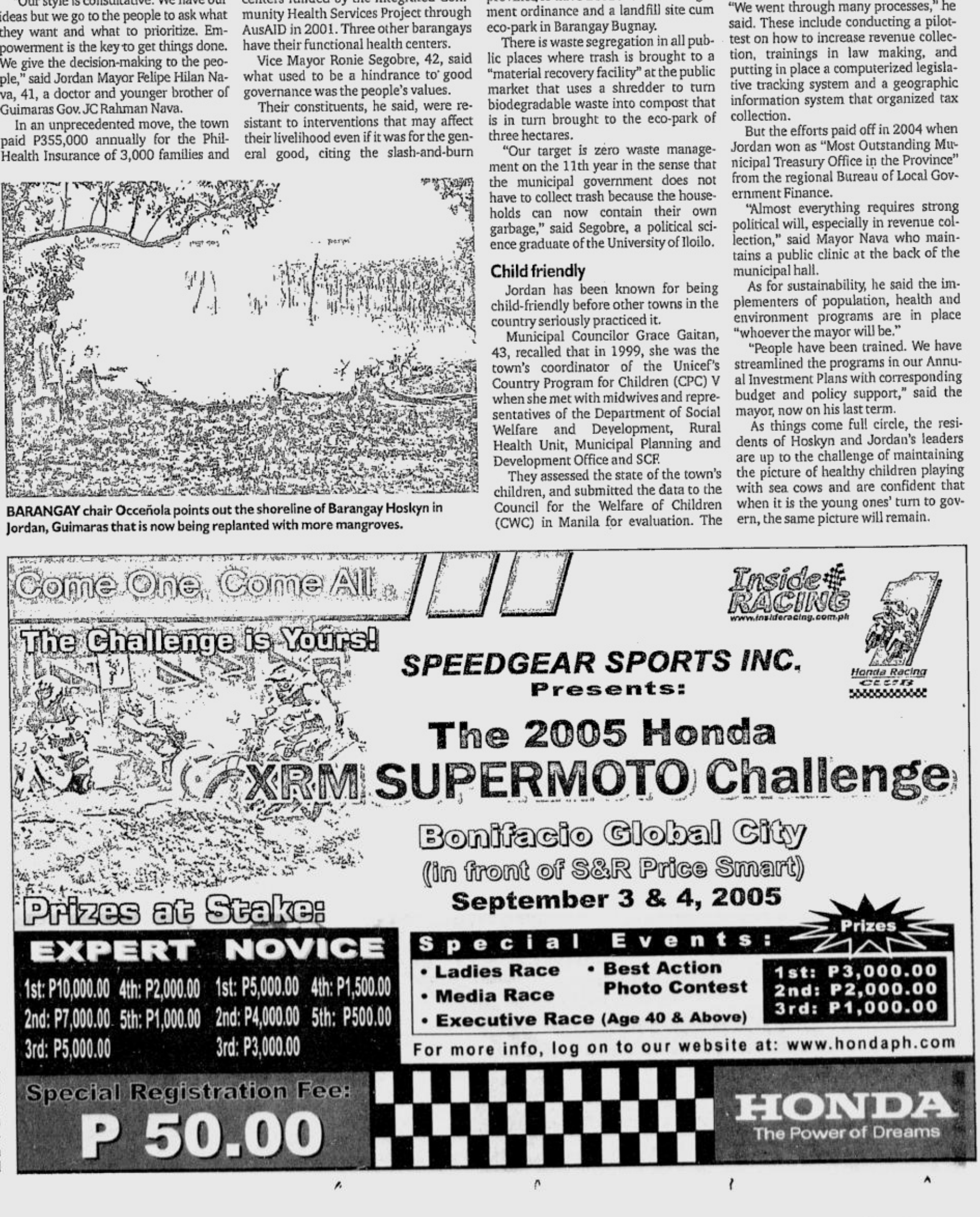
But the efforts paid off in 2004 when Jordan won as "Most Outstanding Municipal Treasury Office in the Province" from the regional Bureau of Local Government Finance.

"Almost everything requires strong political will, especially in revenue collection," said Mayor Nava who maintains a public clinic at the back of the municipal hall.

As for sustainability, he said the implementers of population, health and environment programs are in place "whoever the mayor will be."

"People have been trained. We have streamlined the programs in our Annual Investment Plans with corresponding budget and policy support," said the mayor, now on his last term.

As things come full circle, the residents of Hoskyn and Jordan's leaders are up to the challenge of maintaining the picture of healthy children playing with sea cows and are confident that when it is the young ones' turn to govern, the same picture will remain.



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# Vidal offers to mediate for GMA, Erap

VIDAL

By Jolene R. Bulambot
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CEBU CITY—Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal is willing to mediate in order to reconcile President Macapagal-Arroyo and her predecessor, deposed president Joseph Estrada.

Cebu's soft-spoken prelate told reporters on Thursday that he was surprised to learn that the reconciliation talks between the two did not materialize.

He said he was even set to fly to Manila earlier this month but he did not push through his planned trip when he found out that there would no longer be any reconciliation talks between Ms Arroyo and Estrada.

Asked if Ms Arroyo and Estrada had already talked, Vidal said he did not know. But if the talks would push through, he added, he was willing to mediate.

"So far, honestly, I can't tell you. I don't know what had happened. Precisely, I tried but I wasn't able to go there. It seems some quarters would not want it (reconciliation) to happen," he said.

Vidal said that in their earlier talks, both Ms Arroyo and Estrada expressed their willingness to reconcile but on certain conditions.

He did not say what these conditions were.

"I have gone to all of them and of course, our leaders. So far, they have expressed willingness to reconcile with conditions. Well, I don't know (if it's still feasible)," said Vidal.

Vidal admitted on Thursday that he was responsible for bringing Ms Arroyo to Estrada during the latter's first few months of detention on plunder charges now pending before the Sandiganbayan.

The Cardinal said Ms Arroyo even promised him during that first visit that she would continue working for reconciliation with the deposed leader.

Meanwhile, Vidal said he was willing to offer shelter for Estrada at the Cebu Archdiocese if the latter would be released on recognizance.

He stressed that the former president had no plans of leaving the country.

"Well, of course, I can always offer my office for him. But the question is I'm in the Visayas. I can assure everybody that he is not leaving the country. He was already offered to get out of the country but he did not," Vidal said.

"As far as I am concerned, he's not interested to go out of the country except for health reasons just like what happened in Hong Kong (when he had his knees operated on)," he added.

The Cardinal had served as spiritual advisor to Estrada when the latter was president.

# Transfer of Palparan not due to pressure, says new Army chief

By Joey A. Gabieta
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

CATBALOGAN, Samar—The relief of controversial Army Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan as 8th Infantry Division chief has nothing to do with the pressures exerted by congressmen and members of human rights groups in Eastern Visayas who wanted him out of the region.

Major Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, Philippine Army chief, said Palparan was transferred to replace Maj. Gen. Romeo Tolentino as head of the 7th Infantry Division based in Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija.

"There is no truth to that. General Palparan was transferred to other areas where his kind of leadership is also most needed. It was not because we were pressured by some politicians or (human rights) groups," Esperon said.

He said the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) was an "apolitical organization" and that deployment of personnel was based on where their services were most needed.

The Army chief was here on Thursday to grace the turnover ceremony in Camp Lukban where Palparan formally relinquished his post as 8th ID chief to his successor, Maj. Gen. Bonifacio Ramos.

Among those who attended the rites were different local and barangay officials of different towns in Samar.

Esperon was all praises for Palparan whom he described as "one of the best generals of the Armed Forces."

He commended Palparan for his "able stewardship, which saw the effective pursuit of the command's administrative directions and military operations" that resulted in the capture of 73 members of the New People's Army and the recovery of more than 200 firearms.

Militant groups had accused Palparan of human rights violations.

Palparan, who served the region since Feb. 10, denied allegations of military abuses against civilians in the course of his intensive campaign against insurgency, which he vowed to wipe out in six months to a year.

But Esperon said that if the allegations against Palparan were true, President Macapagal-Arroyo would not have appointed him to head a new Army division.

He brushed aside allegations leveled against Palparan, saying not a single case had been filed against the controversial general for violating human rights.

"And on top of this, he was also named by the President to head the Philippines contingent on human rights in Iraq prior to his assignment here in the region," said Esperon.

Palparan headed the Philippine contingent to Iraq in March 2004. When he returned to the country in August of the same year, he was designated as Philippine Army chief of staff.

Palparan's sudden transfer from Eastern Visayas had triggered speculations that it was due to pressure exerted by some congressmen, particularly Samar Rep. Catalino Figueroa (2nd District), and some human rights groups.

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**COLORS OF DAVAO**
**Women belonging to the Purok Sison Performing Arts Group from Surallah, South Cotabato perform for the Kadalanan, a street dance competition that was one of the highlights of the Kadayawan sa Dabaw celebration.**

## ROUNDUP

### NPA denial

ROXAS CITY—The New People's Army's (NPA) Nonito Aguirre Sr. Command Eastern Front-Panay denied it was responsible for the death threat received by INQUIRER correspondent Felipe Celino in June. In a two-page computer-printed letter, written in Hiligaynon, rebel spokesperson Rojo Silangan said that the letter received by Celino was written by an impostor and that the group disowned whatever it contained. The NPA's letter was delivered by a postman to Celino last week, or about three months since he received the death threat. Silangan said the Communist Party of the Philippines or the NPA has no reason to threaten Celino because he had not done anything against the communist movement. Last June, Celino received a letter written in Hiligaynon that threatened to "finish [him] off" for his "anti-people" articles. *PDI Visayas Bureau*

### Girl raped, killed

BACOLOD CITY—A seven-year-old girl was raped, killed and buried in a shallow grave in Sagay City, Negros Occidental. Supt. Norberto Boston, Sagay police chief, identified the victim as Renalyn Villarosa Salas, a Grade 1 pupil, who had gone missing since Aug. 18. The search for the girl ended on Monday when her family saw her bloodied underwear in a sugarcane field, a few meters from a shallow grave where she was buried in Barangay Puey, Sagay. "The child appeared to have been hit with a blunt object on the right side of the head and her head appeared to have been twisted in strangulation," Boston said. He said that based on the autopsy report, the girl had been raped before she was killed. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

### Bomb defused

COTABATO CITY—Soldiers defused an improvised explosive device in Kabacan, North Cotabato on Wednesday, the military said. Col. Ruperto Capustan, Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade commander, said the battery-operated explosive was fashioned out of an 81-mm mortar shell. Capustan said unidentified men planted the explosive in front of the busy Land Transportation Office near the Kabacan town hall. He said had the bomb went off, many people could have either been killed or wounded. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

### 2 militiamen slain

COTABATO CITY—At least two militiamen were killed in an ambush staged by armed men in Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao on Wednesday, the military said. The victims, Datu Kaka Manipis, 48, and a certain Ruben, both residents of Mamasapano town, were on their way to Barangay Poblacion in Shariff Aguak at about 9:30 a.m. when waylaid by the suspects. Maj. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said the armed men positioned themselves on both sides of the highway in Nabundas Village and fired at the jeep driven by Manipis. *Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

### Robbers take computers

IBA, Zambales—Robbers broke into a computer shop here on Thursday and took away P500,000 worth of computers and cash. Senior Supt. Edgardo Ladao, Zambales police director, said the suspects used a bolt cutter to destroy the padlocks of the Cyber Bits computer shop in Barangay Zone 6 here. Ladao said the robbers entered the shop between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. Mayor Danilo Pamoleras said robbers also struck at a neighborhood in Barangay San Agustin on Wednesday night. Police said at least three water pumps used by farmers in Barangay Palanginan were also stolen recently. *Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

# MILF sends team to stop clan war in Zambo del Sur town

COTABATO CITY—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has sent a peacekeeping team to Dinas, Zamboanga del Sur to help pacify and resolve the bloody feud involving two powerful Moro families there.

The MILF, in coordination with the government's Coordinating Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), dispatched the team with instructions to immediately stop the fratricidal war.

More than 10 persons, including Dinas Vice Mayor Abdulbassit Maulana, who was ambushed and killed with five others on July 17, have already died because of the clan war.

The conflict started early this year when MILF forces, including women on board pump boats, were attacked by Bantay Dagat forces after attending a peace assembly graced by members of the International Monitoring Team.

Five MILF rebels were killed in the attack.

Their alleged assailants, despite being members of Bantay Dagat, a paramilitary group, were also sympathizers of the MILF.

On July 16, the MILF sent a team in an effort to convince the families to enter an amicable settlement.

During the negotiations, members of the warring families signed a covenant against using violence to solve their dispute.

But for unknown reasons, Maulana and several bodyguards were waylaid by an unidentified armed group, believed to belong to another clan.

The team that was sent was described as lightly armed and composed of political and military personalities. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Cops lament role as scapegoats in 'jueteng'

CAMP SATURNINO DUMLAO, Nueva Vizcaya—Policemen here are grumbling that they have always been blamed for the resurgence of *jueteng*, lamenting that some "unscrupulous politicians" have actually demanded the return of the illegal numbers game.

The policemen's complaints came after the relief of two senior police officials here on Sunday for the reported resumption of *jueteng* operations in their areas.

Chief Supt. Jefferson Soriano, Cagayan Valley police director, relieved Supt. James Afalla, deputy provincial police director, and Chief Insp. Dionisio de Guzman, Bayombong police chief.

Afalla and De Guzman were ordered to report to the regional headquarters service group at the regional police office in Camp Adduru, Tuguegarao City. However, Soriano's order did not specify the reasons for their relief.

On Tuesday, Philippine National Police officials in Camp Crame announced that the two officials' relief was caused by the resurgence of *jueteng* here.

For the past months, the illegal numbers game had followed an on-and-off pattern in the province. As of Thursday, bet collections have reportedly stopped.

But a police official in the province sympathized with his relieved colleagues who, like many other police officers, have often been singled out as "sacrificial lambs" in the drive against *jueteng*.

It has become an "open secret," the police source said, that illegal gambling can never thrive in an area without the consent of local officials, especially mayors.

"If they (officials) want *jueteng* and we refuse, they will have us transferred. If we give in, we are relieved [by the PNP leadership]. So where are we supposed to stand?" the police source said.

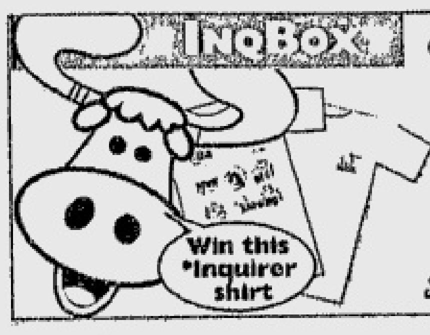
"But have we heard of any local official who has been suspended or even investigated because *jueteng* has resurfaced in his area? None," he said.

The source, however, declined to name the politicians who demanded the return of *jueteng* in their areas.

The INQUIRER reached Afalla but he declined to comment on his relief and the supposed resumption of *jueteng* operations in some areas in the province.

De Guzman, meanwhile, had left for Tuguegarao City, members of his staff here said.

But Senior Supt. Robert Mangaccat, Nueva Vizcaya police director, denied that he had been "pressured" by politicians who wanted the illegal numbers game revived. *Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, with a report from Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*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# Taxi group seeks P15 flag down hike

**By Clarissa S. Batino**

A TAXI group is poised to ask the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for a P15 increase in the current flag down rate of P30.

Bong Suntay, president of the Philippine National Taxi Operators Association (PNTOA), said yesterday the group would file its fare hike petition next week.

Suntay said his group, which operates some 12,000 units, would not increase the "boundary" (amount operators get at the end of a shift) required of cab drivers.

Taxi drivers pay operators P900-P1,200 each day. Those driving older vehicles usually remit P700-P800 to cab owners. Drivers also shoulder gasoline costs.

The fare hike, Suntay said, would benefit drivers, not operators. It would cover a portion of the fuel price increases since October last year when taxis last raised their rate.

A liter of gasoline now costs more than P32, up from about P26 last year.

Suntay said his group would not ask for any other adjustment apart from the flag down rate so as not to be too much of a burden to commuters.

The current flag down rate is P30, after which cabs charge P2.50 for every succeeding 300 meters and P2.50 for every two minutes of waiting time.

LTFRB chair Maria Elena Bautista said taxi drivers preferred not to increase fares so as not to lose passengers.

Jeepney groups are also planning to seek an additional P1 to P2 hike in fare when the price of diesel hit P34 a liter.

But Bautista said the P2-increase approved by the board recently for jeeps and buses was still sufficient for an increase of up to P35 a liter.

Transport leaders also said they were looking into non-fuel remedies to prevent a fare increase.

Vigor Mendoza, lawyer for the transport groups, said drivers and operators wanted the government to suspend the emission testing requirement for registration that cost P1,300 per unit.

The government must also implement immediately the no-fault third partly liability insurance, which approval has been pending at the Department of Public Works, Transportation and Communication for a year now.

Transport groups also sought another suspension of duties and taxes on imported spare parts and wheels, which the government did before the May 2004 elections.

Jeepney operators had been also asking for financial support and incentives so they could explore alternative fuels like liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), according to Mendoza.

Suntay said his group had tried to secure incentives for taxi units that would be using LPG.

There has been no feedback from the government so far, he said.

# Spiderman wannabe to face charges

**By Margaux C. Ortiz**

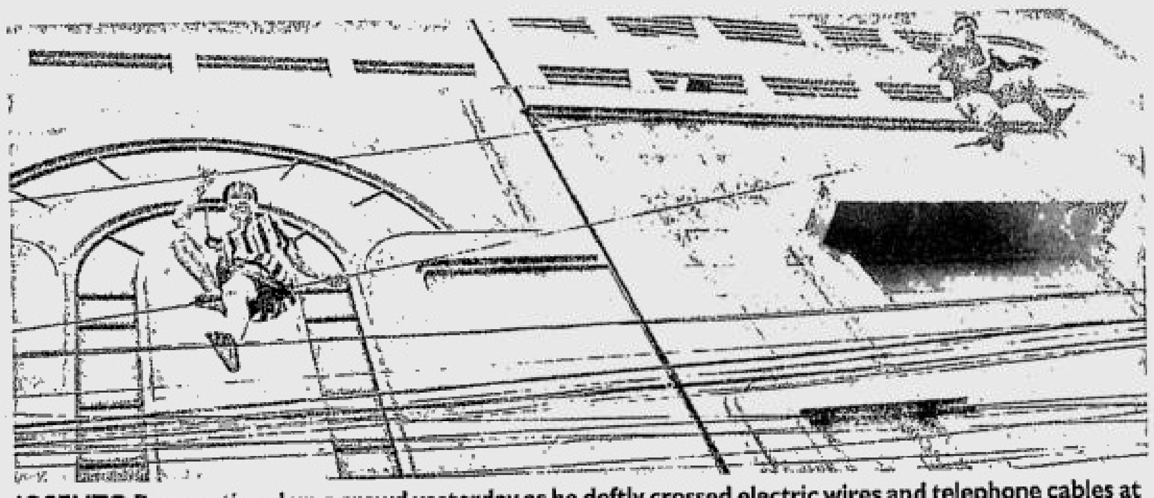
FOR MORE than two hours, he was Spiderman.

Now 40-year-old Joselito Ramos of Baliwag, Bulacan will have to face alarm and scandal charges for scaling a Meralco post and trying to walk on electric wires late yesterday morning in Manila.

"He caused severe traffic jams... because a large crowd gathered to watch him," Supt. Romulo Sapitula, Manila Police District Station 5 chief, said in an interview.

The police was called when Ramos, in shorts, was seen on top of the Meralco post at the corner of Recto Avenue and Evangelista Street around 10:30 a.m.

Muttering unintelligibly, he stood for several minutes before attempting to walk on the electric wires to get to another post.



**JOSELITO Ramos stirred up a crowd yesterday as he deftly crossed electric wires and telephone cables at Recto Avenue in Manila, evading firemen who tried to rescue him from his perilous perch.** REM ZAMORA

Sapitula said they had asked Meralco to turn off the electricity in the high-voltage wires.

"Ramos was either mentally unstable or drug-crazed," Sapitula said.

Ramos threw his wallet at the crowd below. Identification cards, if these were his, indicated he had worked as a designer for an advertising firm.

Ramos gave the names of certain newspaper reporters and police officials like Malate station commander Supt. Marcelino Pedroso, who did not recognize him. He was brought down by policemen with the help of a crane after more than two hours, and taken to the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center for a medical examination.

# Striking garbage collectors a 'minority'

**By Jocelyn R. Uy and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.**

MANILA's garbage problem has become a battle of two unions.

Emman Hizon, paralegal officer and organizer of the Ren Transport Employees' Association (RTEA), belied claims of the Samahan ng mga Manggagawa sa Ren Transport-Association of Democratic Labor Organizations (Smart-ADLO) the other day that garbage collection in some parts of Metro Manila had been paralyzed.

"The public has nothing to worry about because the workers are still committed to [Ren Transport]," Hizon told the INQUIRER yesterday over the phone.

He said RTEA, composed of 600 employees, was the legitimate and recognized union of the waste collection company as the old union, Smart-ADLO, had already lost the majority of its members.

The RTEA, set up in January, was registered and recognized by the Department of Labor and Employment, Hizon said. It was also recognized by the management, giving it the sole and exclusive right to represent regular rank-and-file workers in collective bargaining negotiations and other labor issues, he added. RTEA, Hizon stressed, did not support the strike. With only 50-100 people on strike, Ren Transport's operations were not, in any way, paralyzed, he claimed.

The RTEA denounced the harassment and intimidation of workers who refused to join or sympathize with Smart-ADLO's strike.

Workers were allegedly verbally attacked and threatened. RTEA documented instances when trucks were blocked, he claimed.

"We are not condemning the strike but the way it is being conducted," Hizon said.

The RTEA assured the public garbage collection in San Juan, Mutinlupa, Navotas and Quezon City would continue. The claim seemed to be valid as San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito said garbage collection remained normal in his town.

But the private garbage hauler sent less than the eight trucks it sent to San Juan every night.

The solid waste management office asked private hauler Greenline to take over when Ren Transport trucks were not available.

# Scrap lab fees for dengue cases - DOH

**By Nancy C. Carvajal**

HEALTH Secretary Francisco Duque yesterday said he would order all government hospitals to waive consultation and laboratory fees, particularly for dengue cases, after listening to the complaints aired by members of a people's organization based in Quezon City.

Duque met with residents from Barangay Bagong-Pagasa during a dialogue conducted by Mayor Feliciano Belmonte yesterday. The barangay has recorded around 10 deaths arising from dengue, although the city health office said they only had seven casualties on their list out of 226 reported cases.

The Health secretary's announcement stemmed from an emotional complaint by a resident that a neighbor's son was reportedly refused treatment by the East Avenue Medical Center and the Quezon City General Hospital when the boy's parents were not able to pay the P100 laboratory fee. Duque also promised to investigate the incident and said that any hospital employee found guilty of the offense would be fired.

The residents, members who belong to a people's organization in the city, presented their grievances to officials, including a plea for the release of a new-born baby who died in May but is still being held at the Philippine Children's Medical Center Morgue because the parents had not been able to pay the P1,750 hospital bill. Duque assured the baby's parents, Junbert and Ma. Cristina Balmores, that he would arrange the immediate release of their baby's body.

Belmonte, meanwhile, told residents the city would put up a health station in the area to monitor dengue cases.

Earlier, the City Health Department launched a massive information campaign to raise the level of awareness of city residents in the fight against dengue.

# Abusive police officers

**ON TARGET**

*Ramon Tulfo*

OUR POLICE officers are probably among the world's most abusive. A Filipino cop can arrest a citizen and send him to jail if he doesn't like his looks.

**But the government doesn't seem to care. It is slow in punishing abusive cops.**

SPO2 Merlito Guatlo of the Quezon City Police District is one such abusive cop.

**Guatlo manhandled a housemaid, Bernadette Baculanta, of Calbayog, Samar, recently because she was working for a family that Guatlo is having a tiff with.**

The poor housemaid could only cry. Now Guatlo is harassing her so she would withdraw the complaint I helped her file in Camp Crame.

**Guatlo is a recidivist. He is notorious in the neighborhood for kicking even small children who get in his way when he's drunk.**

He has another pending case at the Quezon City Police Department's Internal Affairs Service.

**But the case, filed several years ago, is not moving. The case is for child abuse. Guatlo beat up a seven-year-old child for being noisy.**

There are thousands of Guatlos in the Philippine National Police (PNP). Their cases are pending at the National Police Commission (Napolcom), the PNP's Internal Affairs Service, the police regional offices, and the People's Law Enforcement Board (Pleb) and the courts.

**But the hearings or trials of the administrative or criminal cases against cops hardly move at all.**

# PUP studes clean up Manila Bay

**By Tina G. Santos**

RAIN did not cancel the Manila Bay cleanup project of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP).

The determined participants, armed with rakes, shovels and sacks, filled six trucks with bamboo, wooden planks, food wrappers and pieces of rubber and styrofoam from Manila Bay.

Some 5,000 Civic Welfare Training Services (CWTS) students, officers and faculty members of PUP, along with employees of Manila's Department of Public Services (DPS) participated in the clean-up.

The clean-up was the first major project of the PUP CWTS for the semester, project coordinating director Avelina Bucao said in a letter to Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

"The students want to put into action the message of the Human Rainbow, which is unity, as they demonstrate their love for the environment," she said.

PUP made it to the Guinness Book of World Records when it formed the world's largest human rainbow as part of its centennial celebration last year.

DPS chief Rafael Borromeo said they welcomed PUP's efforts but added the city government cleaned the bay regularly.

"Unfortunately, we are the catch basin (of garbage). Manila is low lying, and trash from other cities accumulate here," he said.

The Baywalk, with its postcard-pretty sunset, was developed by Atienza into an attractive brick-tiled, well-lit restaurant strip.

## METROBRIEFS

### 1 dead in Mandaluyong fire

SHE NEVER managed to get out of her burning room. Already bed-ridden, Adelina Francisco, 58, was killed after a three-hour fire ate up the fourth floor of a medium-rise condominium in Mandaluyong City the other night. Two firefighters were also injured after residents panicked and tried grabbing water hoses, investigator FO2 Victorio Tablay told the INQUIRER. The fire broke out inside Room 407 in the decades-old Building 5 of the Sambahayan Condominium Inc. in Barangay Barangka Itaas about 9 p.m. Thursday. Neighbors told fire officials they saw a commotion inside the room occupied by the Paras family. Suddenly, they heard an explosion. The fire quickly spread to the adjacent room, where Francisco and her family live. Relatives told investigators that Francisco, apart from being confined to her bed, also mentally ill. The fire alarm status was raised to Task Force Bravo at 9:20 p.m. Firefighters arrived, confronted by a swarm of building tenants already in panic. Some bystanders even meddled with the operation of the water hoses, causing a metal joint to loosen, allowing a large volume of water to rush in. The rush sent the water hose swinging wildly, the metal joint hitting FO3 Ramon Esguerra on his left cheek, leaving a deep wound. He was pushed to a wall with SFO3 Ireneo Bungay, who also sustained head injuries, Tablay added. Firefighters managed to control the fire by midnight. The 14 rooms on the floor were all razed. Some rooms on the lower floors sustained water damages. Tablay estimated the damage at P2 million. Neighbors suspect the fire was triggered by a leaking liquefied petroleum gas tank. *Edson Tandoc Jr.*

### Alex's turn this time

CRISANO

BASKETBALL star Alex Crisano yesterday filed child abuse charges against his housemaids at the Quezon City prosecutor's office. Named respondents were 19 -year-old Marilyn Diola and Erlita Francisco, 40, who allegedly maltreated Crisano's daughter. In his complaint filed in the office of Assistant City Prosecutor Zenaida Abad, Crisano also accused Diola of stealing his 14 karat gold ring. Crisano, who was recently accused of sexual harassment by one of the maids of his girlfriend, television star Ethel Booba said the maid who left their house on June 21, psychologically and physically abused his daughter during the time that she was supposed to care for her. He said that he saw scars on his daughter's arms when he came to visit her at their condominium unit in Quezon City. According to the basketball star ,his daughter would tell a neighbor's maid that Diola had hurt her and also called her names. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

### Unexpected catch

ARMED with 45 arrest warrants, operatives of the Makati Police Department (MPD) swooped down on a sprawling squatters' colony east of Makati's business center at dawn yesterday, to hunt down crime suspects at large. But while the police were able to find only three of their targets, the massive operation led to the fall of eight drug suspects caught red handed while allegedly holding a pot session around 4:45 a.m. yesterday, inside the Laperal Compound in Guadalupe Nuevo, Makati City. While scouring the compound before daybreak, MPD operatives spotted five men and three women reportedly smoking pot in an outdoor billiard hall, the MPD Criminal Investigation Division (CID) chief said. "We had warrants of arrest against suspects all living in Laperal Compound. During the operation, the operatives saw a group while having a pot session. Since they were caught in full view while violating a law, they were arrested... there was no warrant necessary for that," said Chief Inspector Manuel Santos Jr., MPD-CID chief. Among those arrested were Cynthia Flores, 44, Cesar Labrador, 33, Roberto Cortez, 32, Daniel Avila, 29, Bryan Yusop, 23, all from Guadalupe Nuevo, and 65-year-old widower Rosalie Atienza, a Quezon City resident. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

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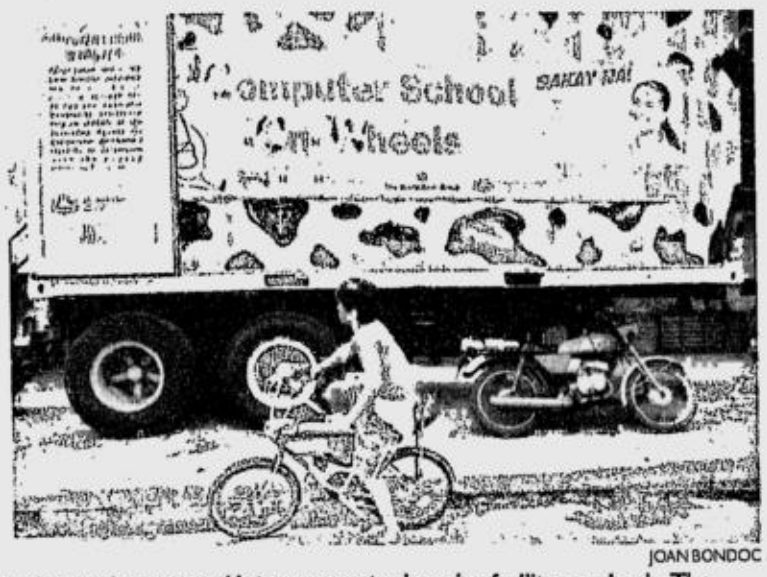



JOAN BONDOC

SCHOOL children take advantage of free computer lessons inside a 40-foot trailer truck converted into a computer learning facility on wheels. The trailer contains 20 PC workstations and is currently parked in front of Barangay Bagong Pag-asa where it will stay for one month.

FREE COMPUTER LESSONS

# School on wheels cruises QC

By DJ Yap

AN ANSWER to the "digital divide" between the rich and the poor in this information age is parked right across a squatter colony in Barangay Pag-asa along Agham Road in Quezon City.

This school-on-wheels taught Jason, a young man in his 30s, how to use a computer. It also gave him a stab at a decent job. Today, he is the secretary of his barangay.

Jason owes his luck to a secondhand 20-foot van that served as his classroom for five weeks some time in the summer of 2004.

For more than a year now, a computer school-on-wheels has been quietly cruising the city streets, teaching needy residents like Jason the basics of computer learning.

From out-of-school youths to their grandparents, Quezon City Councilor Bernadette Herrera's brainchild, the Bagong Henerasyon Computer School-On-Wheels, has taught some 2,500 poor residents in more than 20 barangays — for free.

Four instructors, who are themselves graduates of Herrera's computer school, teach eager students courses as Basic Application Software, Basic Secretarial, Desktop Publishing and Basic Technician inside the air-conditioned van. The students get hands-on training through the 20 computers inside the van, said Herrera.

The van is now parked in Sitio San Roque, Barangay Pag-asa where it will stay until the end of the month for a five-day course on Basic Application Software. The course has attracted 80 students.

The project is the result of a P1.2 million grant from the Aus-AID PACAP of the Australian Embassy, after Herrera's concept paper on a computer school-on-wheels won during the first Philippine Development Innovation Marketplace competition conducted by the World Bank in January 2004.

Herrera's concept was simple enough: Recycle a used 20-footer container van, convert it into a mobile classroom, outfit it with computers and peripherals, haul it to pre-identified barangays, park it beside the barangay halls or any suitable vacant lot, tap the electric mains of the barangays and turn on the power. "Presto, you have a fully operational computer learning center," Herrera said. The school will stay parked for five weeks in each location.

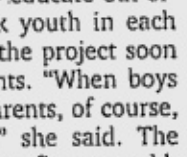
Initially, the target was to educate out-of-school youth or out-of-work youth in each barangay. But Herrera said the project soon involved much older students. "When boys and girls come with their parents, of course, we can't turn them away," she said. The youngest graduate so far was a five-year-old; the oldest was 82.

She said there had been many success stories from the roving computer school. "I was walking along SM North, when this girl approached me and said she was a graduate of COW (computer school-on-wheels), Herrera said.

"She was thankful because she was able to find a job at Gift Gate after learning how to use a computer," the councilor added.

Herrera said a digital divide threatened to widen the gap between the rich and the poor. "Educating the less fortunate youth of our country is necessary in order to bridge that gap," she said.

## Kemp needs your help



SIX-YEAR-OLD Kemp Pring is now confined at the Philippine Heart Center for a congenital heart disease. Kemp and his mother, Vilma, are appealing to kindhearted readers to help him raise funds for his operation which is estimated to cost P411,00. Interested donors may contact Vilma at 0919-4048460, or course their donations through her BPI ATM 589559-8476-8410-51.

## Gaudencio Aquino, 65

GAUDENCIO "Boy" Soria Aquino of Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur, passed away at the Philippine Heart Center last Aug. 24. He is survived by wife Heide Villanueva-Aquino, children Ferdinand, Dawn Marie, Tiffany Rose, and Hanna Lee, sons-in-law Danny Urquico, Wilfredo del Rosario, and five grandchildren. Interment will be on Sunday, at the Holy Cross Memorial Park in Novaliches after the 1 p.m. Mass at the Arlington Memorial Chapel.

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# RP-SMB cagers survive 'brothers' Alaska Aces

**BRUNEI—Keeping its cards close to its chest and flaunting just enough to position itself for a championship run, the RP-San Miguel Beer team tallied its fourth straight victory, edging the Alaska Aces, 75-71, Thursday night in the 5th Shell Rimula Cup at the National Indoor Stadium.**

"It's very hard to play against your brothers and teammates because we developed a close relationship with the other team," said national coach Chot Reyes.

The Aces are coached by RP assistant Tim Cone, and two of its players—Sonny Thoss and Mike Cortez—are members of the RP pool. On the other hand, Tony dela Cruz, who led the Nationals with 17 points, including nine in the pivotal period, will start a new chapter of his pro career in the PBA with Alaska this season.

"It was fun and a great opportunity to play against your new mother team," said the 6-foot-4 Dela Cruz, acquired in a preseason deal with the disbanded Shell squad, along with rebounding and defensive whiz Rich Alvarez. "I just hope I can fit with Alaska when I get in."

TONY dela Cruz topscores with 17 points.

With the semifinals looming and the pairings yet to be finalized, the Nationals held back from trying out new things to prevent teams from scouting them.

"We didn't want to show too much to other teams," explained Reyes.

With the victory, several semifinal scenarios cropped up.

RP-SMB finished its elimination round campaign with a 4-1 win-loss mark, the only setback coming at the hands of Japan's Toshiba Brave Hunters (4-0).

The Japanese play South Korea's SK Knights (3-1) on Friday to determine the semifinal pairings.

A win by the Japanese squad will put the Nationals at the No. 2 spot and set up a semifinal duel against the Koreans.

Alaska, which is expected to beat the lowly Warriors All-Star also on Friday, will slide down to No. 4 and meet Toshiba.

If the SK Knights, who lost a tough 97-95 decision to RP-SMB Wednesday night, win by less than 11 points, a three-way tie will be created at the top spot among the Nationals, the Koreans and the Japanese.

In that case, the RP-SMB gets the top spot by virtue of a higher quotient, thus forging a meeting with the Aces in the semifinals.

"*Iyan ang ayaw nating mangyari* (That's what we don't want to happen)," said Reyes, who also got 18 points and seven rebounds from Asi Taulava.

But if the SK Knights beat the JBL Super League champions by at least 11, the Koreans take the No. 1 seed and meet Alaska in the final four on Saturday.

RP-SMB and Toshiba make up the other semifinal pairing, a scenario Reyes also hopes to avoid.

"Hopefully Toshiba beats SK Knights on Friday," Reyes said. "We want to play the SK Knights in the semis."

The Japanese stunned the Nationals, 89-80, in their first game in this four-nation six-team tournament.

But Alaska (1-3) will get a big boost with the arrival of Jeffrey Cariaso in time for the semifinals. Cariaso attended the wedding of his sister in the United States.

Romel Adducul did not suit up for the Nationals as he sprained his right ankle during practice, but his absence was hardly felt by Reyes as Billy Mamaril and Kerby Raymundo stepped up for him.

Dela Cruz's jumper put the Nationals comfortably ahead at 68-57, exactly seven minutes left in the game, but the Aces responded with a 9-4 exchange to threaten at 66-72, 2:17 left in the game.

China's Shangdong Lions finally barged into the win column by whipping the Brunei-based Warriors All-Star, 114-75.

**The scores:**

**RP-SMB 75**—Dela Cruz 17, Taulava 17, Hontiveros 11, Belasco 7, Alapag 7, Ritualo 5, Raymundo 4, Reavis 3, Mamaril 2, Helterbrand 2, Williams 0.

**ALASKA 71**—McClary 31, Cortez 11, Wilson 8, Allado 5, Cablay 5, Hawkins 4, Hugnatan 3, Calpito 2, Alvarez 1, Thoss 1, Padilla 0.

**Quarters:** 24-19, 42-39, 60-54, 75-71

## Fil-Am spiker seeks RP slot

A PROFESSIONAL beach volleyball player in the United States may yet join the Philippine women's team to the 23rd Southeast Asian Games volleyball competitions in Bacolod City.

Fil-Am Heidi Ilustre, who is 26 years old and stands 5-foot-10, has sent her credentials to the Philippine Amateur Volleyball Association and promises to come to the country before the Games begin on Nov. 27. She is competing in the ongoing American Professional Beach Volleyball Tour.

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INTERNATIONAL basketball federation president Carl Ching Menky will be planing in any day after Sept. 10 to hear the sides of the Philippine Olympic Committee and the newly formed Philippine Basketball Federation.

Menky will be conducting the Fiba's own investigation regarding the fiasco that resulted in the suspension of the Philippines from tournaments organized and run by the Fiba.

The chances of the country not being able to take part in the basketball championships of the coming SEAG looms large as no end in the PBF and POC vs Basketball Association of the Philippines quarrel is in sight.

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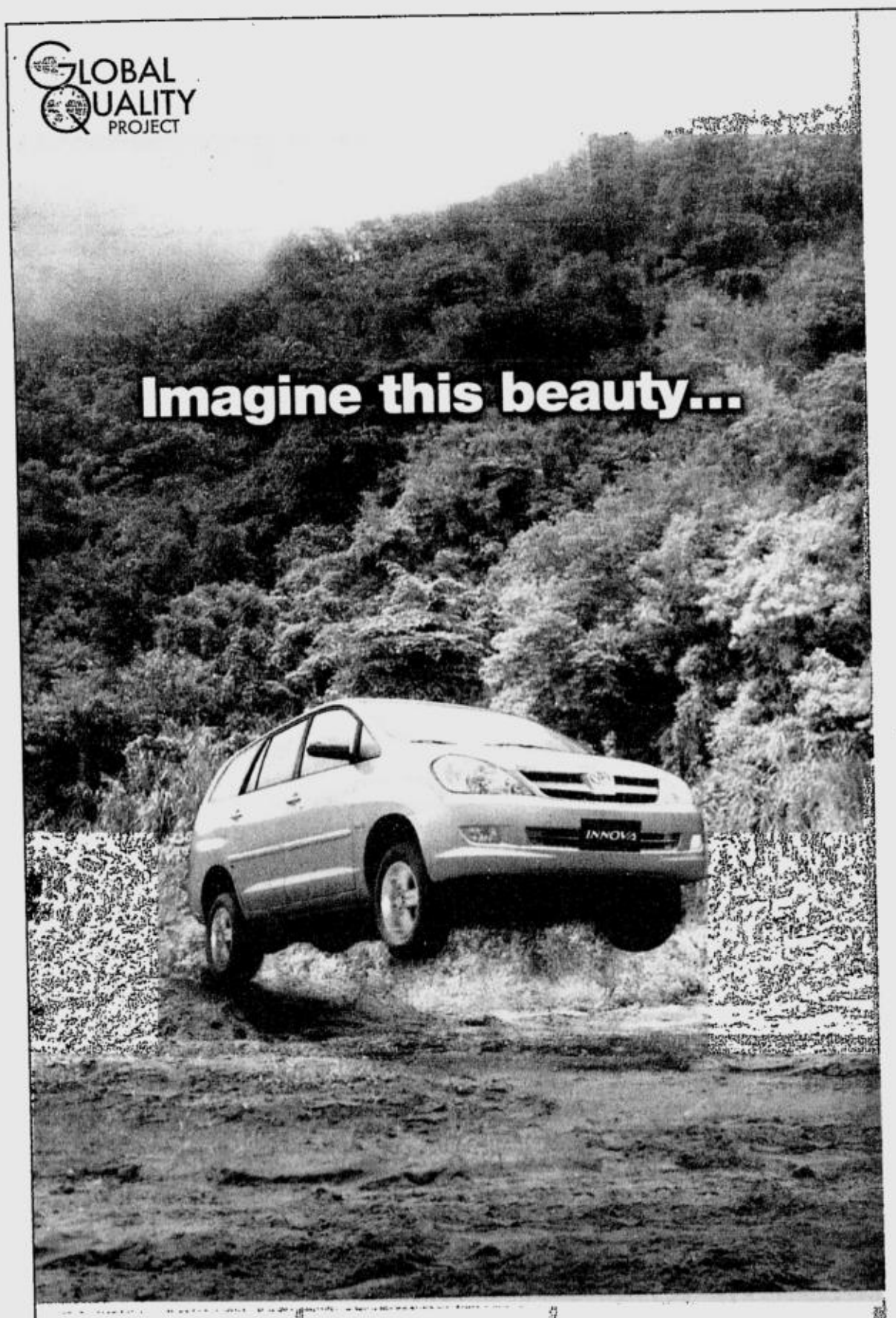

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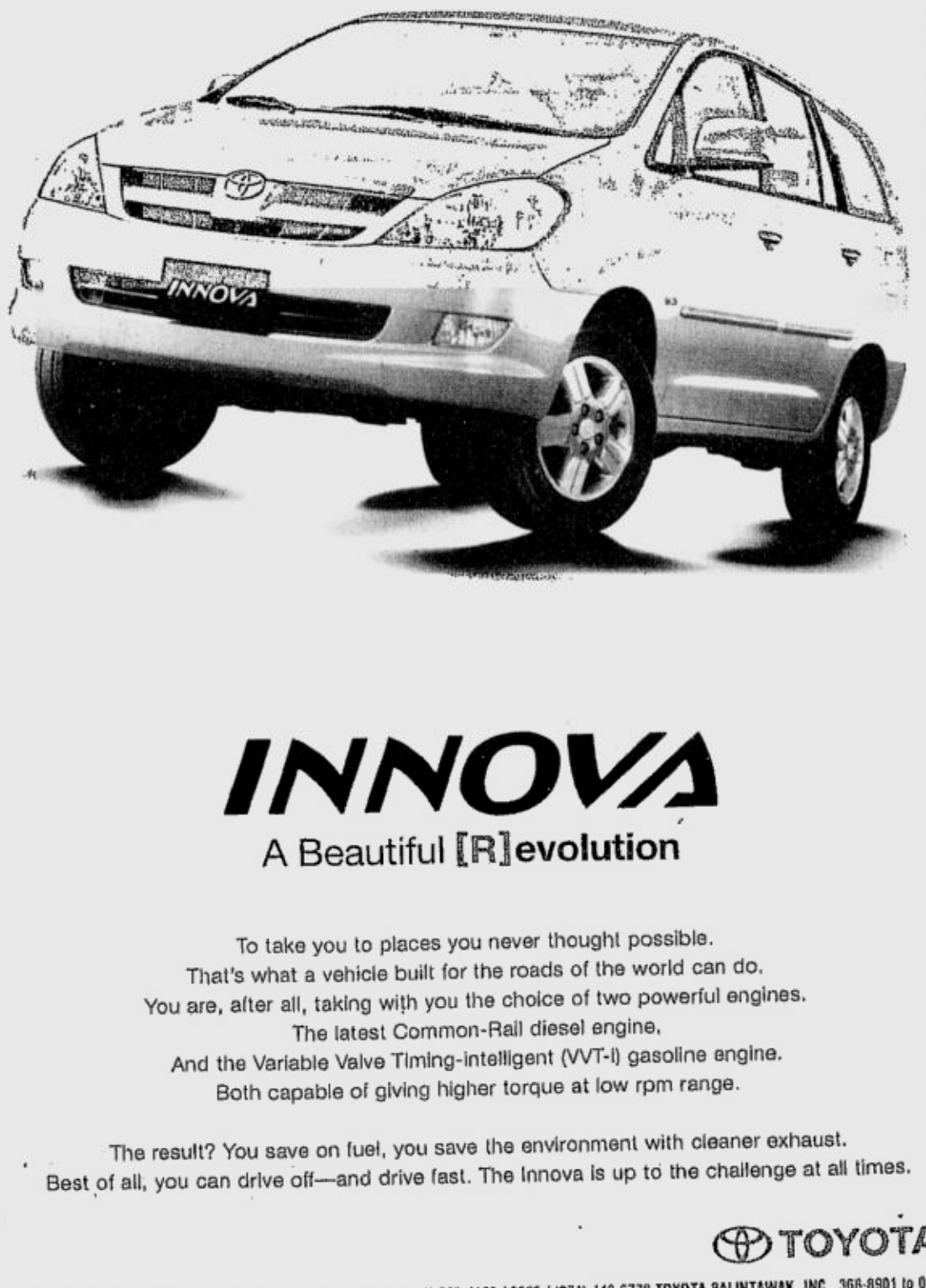

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# Stags upset Dolphins; kill semis suspense

By Jasmine W. Payo

**PRO-BOUND Leo Najorda made four free throws—taking an elbow to the back in between—to lead San Sebastian to a pulsating 81-75 upset of defending champion Philippine Christian U yesterday and kill the semifinal suspense in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Cuneta Astrodome.**

Najorda and Red Vicente provided the Stags with a solid 1-2 punch that played the entire 40-minute stretch. Najorda drilled in 23 points and 12 rebounds. Vicente added 24 and 10 boards.

"We don't want to have anymore problems," said Stags coach Turo Valenzona. "I commend Najorda for playing his best even if he's already going to the PBA."

The Stags thus completed the Final Four cast, composed of the Letran Knights (11-1), the Dolphins (9-3) and the Mapua Cardinals (8-4), and shutting the door on hopefuls University of Perpetual Help and College of St. Benilde.

Only the Knights, though, have secured the twice-to-beat advantage in the semifinal round. Even the Stags (7-5) could still forge a playoff for the second spot, which comes with the twice-to-beat bonus.

Playing for virtually nothing, the Blazers still put on a show of competitiveness, taming the San Beda Lions in overtime, 91-86, in the second game. Rookie forward Martin Urra led St. Benilde with 25 points.

Najorda, picked ninth overall by Red Bull in the recent PBA rookie draft, shattered the game's final deadlock with two free throws to lift the Stags, 77-75, at the 1:27 mark.

He sealed the game with two more freebies for the final count with still 28.3 seconds left after taking an elbow to the back from PCU main man Gabby Espinas, who was slapped with an unsportsmanlike foul.

The Stags were on top at 73-68, but a Dolphins charge capped by a Jason Castro three-pointer tied the game at 75.

In junior play, the Baby Dolphins shocked the league-leading Staglets, 87-81. The Staglets kept the solo lead at 9-2. The Baby Dolphins shared fourth spot with the JRU Light Bombers at 5-6.

THE DOLPHINS' Michael Belga finds himself trapped by the defense of the Stags' Leo Najorda and Franz Delgado. RYAN LIM

**The varsity scores:**

**First Game**

**SSC 81**—Vicente 24, Najorda 23, Lindaya 14, De Leon 8, Ballesteros 6, Viray 6, Qulamco 0, Delgado 0, Aquino 0.

**PCU 75**—Belga 18, Castro 17, Cecilia 10, Sanz 8, Espinas 7, Retaga 7, Solis 4, Amparado 2, Santos 2, Cunanan 0.

**Quarters:** 14-18, 36-33, 56-54, 81-75

**Second Game**

**BENILDE 91**—Urra 25, Orbeta 18, Cabatu, 14, Sagad 10, Layug 9, Porras 5, Aldover 4, Good 3, Morial 3, Devaras 0, Glang 0, Trillo 0, Robles 0.

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**Quarters:** 16-18, 35-41, 58-60, 73-73, 91-86 (OT)

# UST battles Hope Christian in jr. volley tilt

ACTION in the Shakey's Girls Volleyball League resumes tomorrow with unbeaten University of Sto. Tomas facing last year's third runner-up Hope Christian in one of four matches at the UST gym.

UST is eyeing its third straight win at 9:30 a.m. in the junior tourney sponsored by Shakey's and supported by Toby's Sports, Fame & Fortune, Fruitella Cream Lollypop, INQUIRER 2bU and oneCard.

The other games pit De La Salle-Lipa against Imus Institute at 11 a.m., University of the East against Philippine Institute of QC at 1:30 p.m. and St. Francis Assisi Bacoor against Ernesto Rondon High at 2:30 p.m.

Hope Christian shares a 1-0 record with Colegio San Agustin, St. Francis Bacoor, UE and De La Salle-Zobel.

PEQC carries a 1-1 slate, followed by ICA Greenhills (0-1), E. Rondo High (0-1), UPIS (0-2), Imus Institute (0-2) and Diliman Prep (0-2).

## Daungan monthly dartfest tonight

PRIZES worth P10,000 will be up for grabs in the 6th leg of the Daungan Darts Club monthly series to be held tonight at the Daungan Restaurant on Mother Ignacia St. in Quezon City. Mode of play in the classified doubles event is KOC (killers-01-choice). Entry fee is P130 inclusive of one drink. Registration starts at 7:30 p.m. while games begin at 8:30. As an added feature, competing darters will get to watch, for free, the bikini open competition being held every Saturday at Daungan Restaurant.

## Las Piñas stagfest final starts

THE CHAMPIONSHIP round of the Annual Las Piñas 6–Stag Derby starts at 5 p.m. today at the Las Piñas Coliseum. From a field of 85 entries in last Thursday's opening, 40 qualified for today's 4-stag finals. Four new participants will field six stags. The pacesetters, with two wins each, are former Sen. Ramon Revilla, Johnny Elorde, Benjie Lim, Rudy Albano, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Gerry Ramos and Wewe Burgos, Alex Tobias, Mandy Garcia, Wang Yu, Danny Liao, Henry Medina and Danny Alejo. A total of P1.2 million is up for grabs today. Sponsor is Sagupaan Complexor 3000. The champion will also receive a Sagupaan trophy and two refrigerators. For details, call 873-1040 and 874-3910.

## Daytime derby in Cainta

AFTER a successful grand opening last week, the New Cainta Coliseum will present the Daytime 5-Stag Derby on Tuesday. New Cainta Coliseum is now headed by Rizal cocker Sam Mendoza and assisted by popular promoter Aba Badiola. Mendoza and Badiola will host the stagfest, which offers a guaranteed prize of P400,000. Entry fee is P11,000. The derby will start at noon Tuesday, featuring at least 100 fights, said Badiola. For details, call 655-3334, 09215191962 or 09179992262. Regular hackfights at New Cainta Coliseum are held every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.


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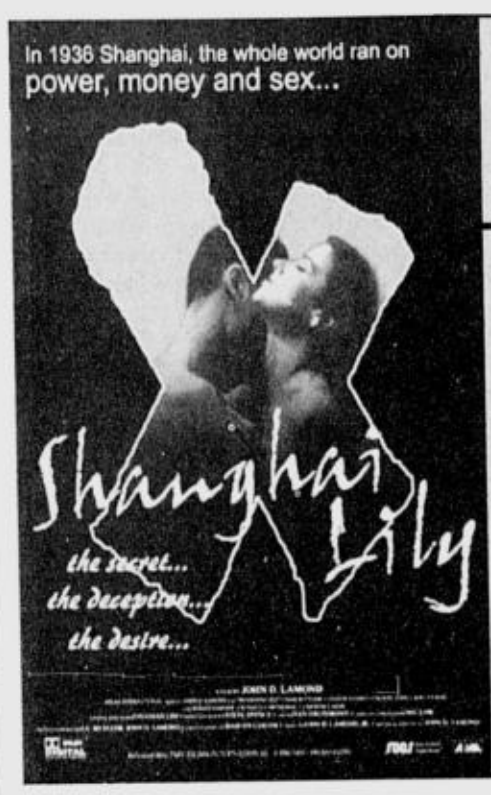

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# Cabagnot faces ban

IN HUDDLE

*Beth Celis*

CHARLIE Dy, Philippine agent of rookie Fil-Am Alex Cabagnot who flew the coop Wednesday night, didn't expect to find himself in the bind.

As most of you must have known by now, Alex attended workouts just once with Santa Lucia Realty, the PBA team that drafted him second overall last Aug. 14. He then disappeared without notice and without signing the three-year contract tendered by the Sta. Lucia management through Dy.

The player agent yesterday confirmed through Cabagnot's relatives that the cager had returned to the United States last Wednesday, obviously turning his back on the prospects of playing in the PBA this coming season.

Cabagnot is perhaps unmindful of the consequences of such a move. If he and SLR do not come to terms, Cabagnot will have to sit out the rest of the year, with the drafting team still having the right of first refusal over him next season.

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Recalling the sequence of events, Charlie traced Cabagnot's change of heart to a birthday party last Aug. 13 at the Intercon Hotel. That was the day before the rookie draft.

"It was the 80th birthday of Alex's *lola* and all his relatives were there, most of them professionals. Alex comes from a well-to-do family, you know. *Puro may* titles. Since I also attended the affair, I heard them ask Alex about his studies, to which they aired their concern. *Sabi nila, kung* three subjects *lang daw ang* lacking for him to earn a Physical Education degree, *bakit hindi na muna niya tapusin ang pag-aaral sa* University of Hawaii, *para may* fallback *siya* when his playing days are over," Charlie said.

The seeds of doubt may have been sown during the party, but this did not deter Cabagnot from attending the draft at the Sta. Lucia East Mall the following day. Nor did it hinder negotiations between Dy and SLR. They came to the point of finalizing the contract, with only the signature of the parties involved lacking in the document.

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"Alex refused to sign the contract because of a clause. His family convinced him against it," said Charlie. "I tried my best to persuade him to sign *dahil kayang-kaya naman niyang ma*-accomplish *yung* stipulated *sa* clause for him to earn the remaining percentage, *pero talagang ayaw. Naiipit nga ako* between Alex and Boss Buddy, although I fully understand both sides. I also tried to talk with Alex's mother on the phone, *pero nagalit pa sa akin. Bakit daw pinipilit si* Alex *pumirma e ayaw.* We had a heated exchange of words."

Charlie said the situation also sparked a family feud between Alex's kin, mother side versus father's, to whom the cager's passport was surrendered for safekeeping.

The mother threatened to call the US Embassy in Manila if his aunt on his father's side did not turn over the passport to Alex ASAP so he can fly home immediately, Charlie related.

"I also warned her *na baka ma*-ban *kami pareho* ni Alex from the PBA, but she was determined to have Alex fly back home."

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Sta. Lucia team manager-governor Buddy Encarnado didn't seem a bit surprised when he learned that Cabagnot had left for the US.

Buddy said he had indeed offered a three-year deal to the cager, giving him the maximum salary of P8.5 million.

"I agreed to the 50-percent increase on the second year, guaranteeing 30 percent, with the remaining 20 based on merits. Is there anything wrong with that? I don't mind losing our second draft pick, but he cannot dictate his terms on the PBA and on the franchise. *Nagkasundo na nga kami ng* agent *niya*, who's supposed to represent him and who's supposed to be aware of the parameters, but Cabagnot refuses to honor the agreement forged with us by his agent," Buddy said.

Since this case could start a bad precedent in the league, Buddy intends to throw the book at the cager.

"We will have him banned," he said.

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HOOPVINE: The Philippines' loss was Vietnam's gain. Filipino coach Riki Magallanes, formerly of Spring Oil and LSGH, led Ho Chi Minh City to its first-ever Vietnam National Young Tournament title by sweeping all its games. Vietnam Basketball Federation officials were so impressed they offered Riki to handle their national team... This will have to wait, though, since Riki, recently promoted basketball program manager of Ho Chi Minh, has been tasked to organize a coaches' association and a coaches' clinic... "Remember Dillo, that 7-foot giant who saw action in the Palaro years back?" Basketball scholar Teddy Reynoso of Bulacan texted... "I can't remember his first name, but he's now appearing as a giant hunchback in ABS-CBN's "Kampanerang Kuba." Jomari Yllana is transformed into this *kuba* every time he drinks a magic potion. Big Ben and Bonel Balingit have both previously played the part."

UE'S Elmer Espiritu and Bonifacio Custodio (white shirts) go for the rebound against Ateneo in their first tussle. RYAN LIM

# Warriors out to clip tired Eagles' wings

**THE UNIVERSITY of the East Warriors are hoping to pounce on an exhausted Ateneo Eagles in the UAAP basketball tournament today at the Araneta Coliseum.**

"I think we'll have an advantage," said UE coach Dindo Pumaren. "Ateneo will be coming off a game against UP. That will be hard."

Even Ateneo mentor Norman Black agrees.

"We spent so much energy (against UP), so we just have to walk through what UE would do," said Black after the Eagles clinched their sixth straight victory by overpowering the Maroons, 67-57, last Thursday

The Eagles, who are playing their third game this week, are hoping to dislodge the second-running Warriors at 4 p.m., right after the 2 p.m. clash between the University of Sto. Tomas Tigers and the Adamson Falcons.

The Warriors, fresh off a five-day respite, zoomed to the second spot behind new recruits Bonbon Custodio and Mark Borboran.

In their recent 66-53 victory against the Tigers, the two prized rookies shared scoring honors with 20 points apiece.

The Eagles have also been getting a boost from their young guns led by sophomore center Japeth Aguilar and freshman guard Jai Reyes.

"Our younger guys are getting better offensively," said Black. "We're hoping that they'll be making a difference down the stretch."

Veterans LA Tenorio and JC Intal got big support from the Eagles' second unit, particularly Macky Escalona who shot a career-high 19 points in the game against UP. *Jasmine W. Payo*

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**GAMES TODAY**
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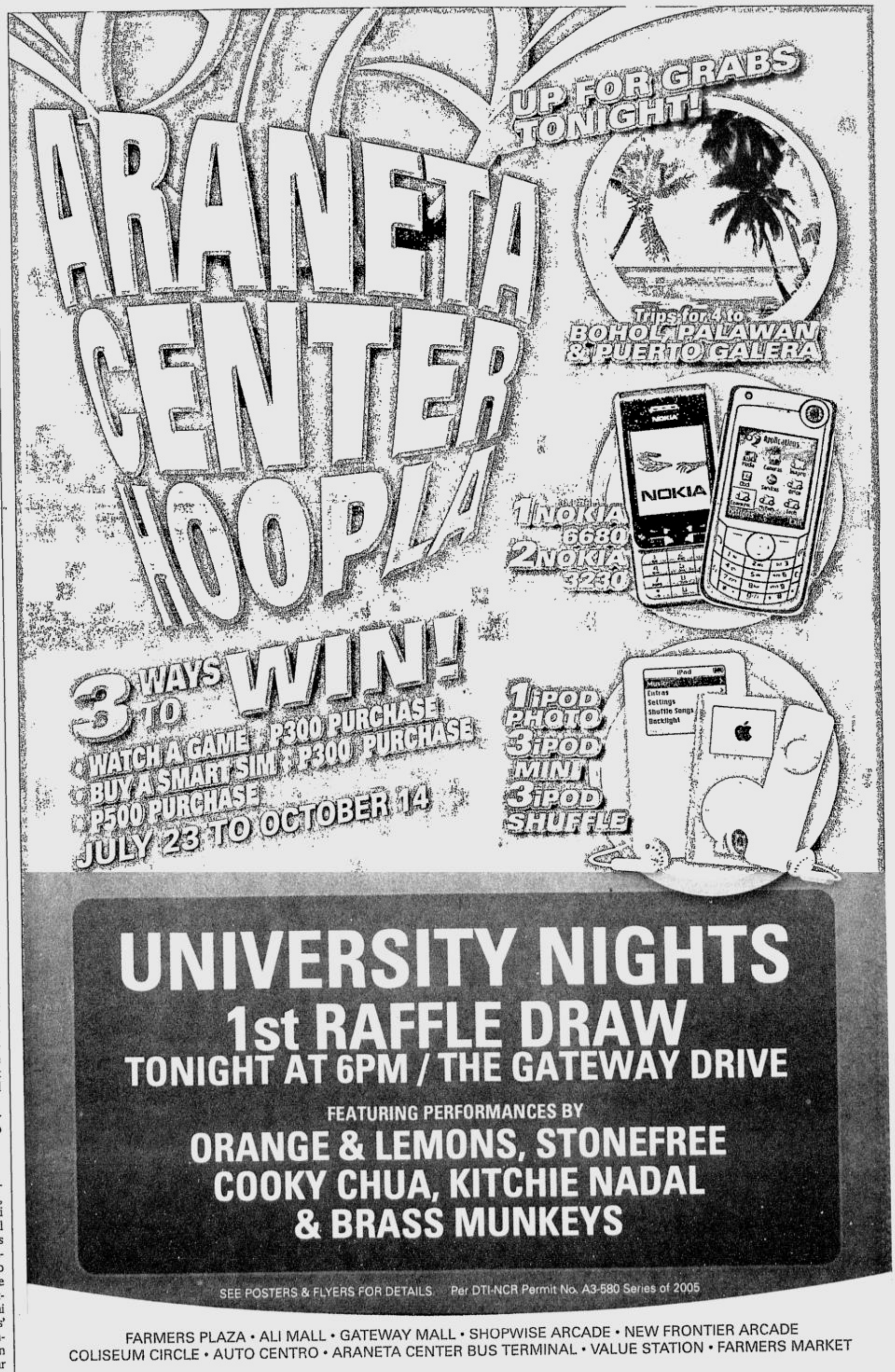

## 'I'm a victim of a setup'

SEVEN-TIME Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong on Thursday lashed out at the French lab that produced the findings that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

"There's a setup here and I'm stuck in the middle of it," Armstrong told The Associated Press. "I absolutely do not trust that laboratory."

Armstrong's comment came after Dick Pound, head of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said officials had received the lab results and would review them. Armstrong also said that while Pound might trust the lab that tested the samples, "I certainly don't."

Although frustrated by the report and the difficulty of proving his case, Armstrong said he knows that he competed drug-free. *AP*

# Lance ponders filing

## Won't take 'Lie' lying down but not los

LOS ANGELES—Lance Armstrong vehemently denied fresh doping allegations and attacked lapses in antidoping protocol that allowed a French newspaper to gain access to his stored urine samples from the 1999 Tour de France.

Armstrong said something is wrong with an antidoping system that allowed his six-year-old urine samples to be retested after they were supposed to be stored anonymously.

"This thing stinks," he said. "Protocol wasn't followed, and there was no back up sample to confirm what they said was a positive test."

He said he believed many were at fault, from the l'Equipe newspaper that published the damning report to the laboratory involved, the French sports minister and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"We all want a clean sport," said Armstrong, speaking on CNN's "Larry King Live."

"An organization called WADA has come along and has really governed the world of antidoping. They have set about a protocol and code that everybody has to live by. And they have violated the code several times," he said.

"They don't have an answer. You talk to the head of WADA and he doesn't have an answer. You talk to the head of the French Ministry for Sport, he doesn't have an answer. The lab doesn't have an answer," Armstrong said.

Asked if he would sue over the article, Armstrong told the host, Larry King, he was considering it but hasn't made up his mind.

"It's a possibility," he said of a lawsuit. "[But] lawsuits are costly and time-consuming and in the end if you sue somebody it just keeps the story alive forever. You give them more credibility than they deserve."

l'Equipe newspaper on Tuesday carried a front-page story headlined "Armstrong's Lie" suggesting the Texan had used the illegal blood booster EPO (erythropoeitin) during his first Tour win in 1999.

l'Equipe said traces of EPO had been found on six different occasions in Armstrong's 1999 urine samples. EPO can boost performance by 30 percent. The urine samples, taken and 1999, were tested in 2004.

ARMSTRONG: Witch hunt

While some have said the test resu documentary proof that Armstrong he said it couldn't be considered a tru since there was no guarantee that pro dards of chain of custody and sam dling were maintained, and there wa sample to confirm the result.

Armstrong, who is a cancer survivor

## Lindsay to No. 1

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut— say Davenport escaped with a (5) victory over Slovakia's I Hantuchova on Thursday reach the Pen Pilot semifi putting her within one win gaining the No. 1 ranking Maria Sharapova.

Top-seeded Davenport, tu up for next week's US O struggled to find her serve the second consecutive mat and delivered eight doub faults.

But Davenport, who missed nearly two months with a back injury and has not played a full tournament since losing the Wimbledon final, said it's just a matter of getting her service rhythm back.

Davenport, who lost the No. 1 ranking Monday, will next play Anna Chakvetadze of Russia. Chakvetadze downed Zheng Jie of China, 6-4, 6-4, and will play in her first care

Second-seeded Amelie N mained on course to meet D nal after winning, 6-3, 6-2, Anna-Lena Groenefeld, wh forced errors.

## Five share LPGA lead

DUBLIN, Ohio—Defending champion Catriona Matthew was one of five players tied for the lead in the biggest first-round log-jam this year on the US LPGA Tour at the Wendy's Championship for Children on Thursday.

Matthew shot a shot 6-under-par 66, a score matched by Paula Marti, Kang Soo-yun, Heather Daly-Donofrio and Marisa Baena. Another nine players were a shot back as the 144-player field took advantage of soft greens and a short course to post 69 sub-par scores.

Kang won for the first time last week at the Safeway tournament. *AP*


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the accusations have been fueled by French resentment of his unprecedented success.

"The story has been too good to be true for them from the very beginning. Consider my situation, here is a guy who comes back from a death sentence. Why would I dope?" asked Armstrong, a cancer survivor celebrated for his efforts to help others coping with the disease. And Armstrong said he wasn't losing any sleep over the latest allegations.

"All I can do is come on this stage and tell my story and be honest," he said. "Since this stuff's rolled out, I sleep great at night. I don't have a problem looking at myself in the mirror."

Armstrong told King he was tested dozens of times during all his Tour de France races, and was under exceptional scrutiny—including right before his final race in June.

"Just a day before the start we had a knock on the door, and the minister of sport had sent a crew down there to collect two samples of urine and two samples of blood," Armstrong said. "And we checked around and found out that nobody else in the peloton was tested that day. So I can't say 'witch hunt' loud enough." *AP, AFP*

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**AMELIE** Mauresmo returns to Anna-Lena Groenefeld as she moves closer to the final. AFP

# gassi cherishes pen atmosphere

' YORK—Andre Agassi ves the unique atmo- re at Flushing Mead- can inspire him to a US Open title.

a sport where 30 is re- d as old, time is run- out for the Las Vegan continues to defy con- on and will be playing th consecutive Open.

's the closest tourna- to my heart," said si, already the winner of grand slam titles.

don't think there's any onment like it in the l of sports. It's so e, especially for a night h."

assi, champion in 1994 1999, struggled early in the year with a back problem, yet even at the age of 35 he is one of only a handful of players who can realistically win the title.

After missing Wimbledon because of his injury, Agassi returned to take the title in Los Angeles and reach the final of the Montreal Masters a fortnight ago.

Others discuss when he will retire. Agassi prefers to talk of his hopes for another strong showing when the final grand slam of 2005 opens on Monday.

"I feel good. It's been a great summer and I couldn't ask to be in a better position going into the US Open," Agassi said. *Reuters*

# abagnot . . . From page A24

ding to the series of s that took place—may tilted Cabagnot's deci- toward finishing his 's.

INQUIRER source said act negotiations bogged when the relatives of gnot frowned at the per- nce clause included in act.

e performance clause d have given Cabagnot a rcent increase in his hly salary if he lands in p two of the statistical fter the season.

nding third or fourth in atistics will mean an in- e of 45 percent, five or 40 percent and seventh hth 35 percent.

After the deal fell apart on Monday, Cabagnot missed the Realtors' practice sessions. He left the country on Wednesday night.

Charlie Dy, the player's agent, said Cabagnot wants to finish his studies first.

"He was torn between finishing his studies and playing," said Dy. "But his relatives and majority of his friends advised Alex to get his diploma first."

Cabagnot was informed of a scholarship grant from the University of Hawaii-Hilo after the Aug. 14 PBA draft.

With still three subjects left to complete his Physical Education degree, the 24-year-old Cabagnot was given until December to finish it for free.


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8:20, 10:30
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3 SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS
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7 VALIANT
8 EVIL EYES
9 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
10 LONGEST YARD
11 D' ANOTHERS
12 MUST LOVE DOGS

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SKELETON KEY
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9 VALIANT

SM CITY STA MESA
1 LONGEST YARD
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SM SUPERCENTER SUCAT
1 LONGEST YARD
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1 LONGEST YARD
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3 EVIL EYES
4 THE GREAT RAID

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4 D' ANOTHERS
5 MUST LOVE DOGS
6 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

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1 THE GREAT RAID
2 WEDDING CRASHERS
BEWITCHED
4 D' ANOTHERS
5 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR
6 PUSANG GALA

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1 PUSANG GALA
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
SKELETON KEY
4 LONGEST YARD
THE GREAT RAID
6 D' ANOTHERS
7 EVIL EYES
8 THE ISLAND

SM CITY DASMARINAS
1 SKELETON KEY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 MUST LOVE DOGS
4 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR

SM CITY LUCENA
1 STEALTH
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 CRASH
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

SM CITY BAGUIO
1 WEDDING CRASHERS
2 THE EYE INFINITY
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 ARAHAN

SM CITY MARILAO
1 WEDDING CRASHERS
2 BEWITCHED
D' ANOTHERS
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

SM CITY BATANGAS
1 IF ONLY
2 D' ANOTHERS
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 THE MACHINIST

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SM CITY CEBU
1 ONCE ON THIS ISLAND
2 SKELETON KEY
3 WEDDING CRASHERS
4 BEWITCHED
IF ONLY
6 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR
D' ANOTHERS
8 THE GREAT RAID

SM CITY ILOILO
1 CRASH
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D' ANOTHERS
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6 STEALTH
7 RESERVED
8 THE GREAT RAID

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1 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
2 ARAHAN
3 D' ANOTHERS
4 PUSANG GALA
BEWITCHED
5 THE GREAT RAID

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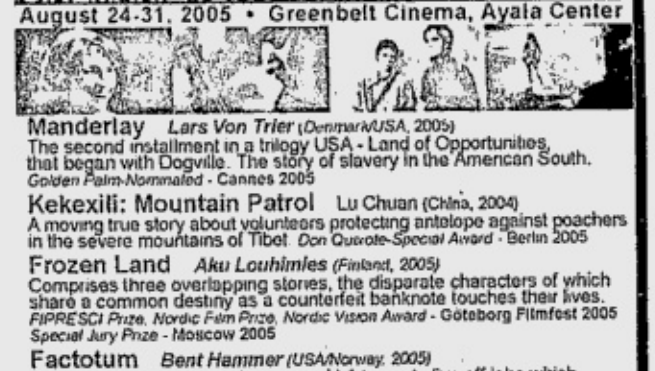

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A dark drama about the destructive nature of dishonesty and betrayal.
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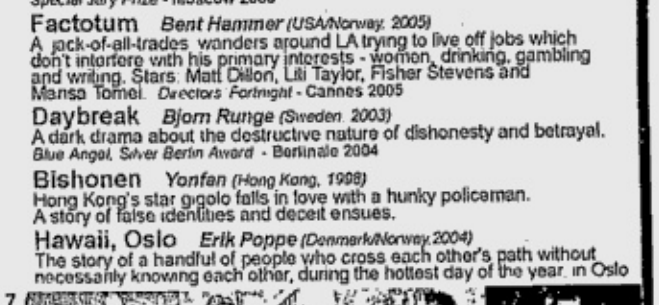

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# Vengeful Generals trim Jaguars

## St. Francis downs PSBA to share lead with NCBA; La Salle-Dasma whips ACST five

EMILIO Aguinaldo College bounced back from a stinging defeat overnight by blasting Philippine School of Business Administration, 64-55, yesterday in the fourth Universities and Colleges Athletic Association (UCAA) men's basketball tournament at the EAC gym.

Six-foot-two Bong Melocoton stepped up in the absence of playmaker Ronjay Buenafe, unloading two of his four triples in the last 3:42 as the Generals took the lead for good and earned their second win in three outings.

The Generals bowed to the National College of Business and Arts Wildcats, 74-79, on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Rex Leynes and Ansel Castañares scored 14 points apiece as St. Francis downed Philippine School of Business Administration, 71-65, late Thursday for its second straight win.

The victory moved the Doves to a share of the top spot with the NCBA Wildcats.

Roger Nacpil shot 27 points to power La Salle-Dasmariñas to a 79-69 whipping of Asian College of Science and Technology.

"I groped for form (against NCBA) yesterday," said Melocoton in Filipino. "I could not focus, I had no luck at the three-point zone. In today's game, we prayed for a good game to make up for Ronjay's absence."

The Generals clearly struggled until the last five minutes in the absence of Buenafe, who was benched following his off-form performance the other day.

With EAC slightly behind, 54-55, Melocoton banged in two treys, allowing the Generals to move ahead on a 10-0 run.

Mar Barreiro scored 15 points for the Jaguars, including a triple with one second left, handing PSBA a 51-43 edge at the end of the third period.

**SPORTSTACLE:** Purefoods team manager Alvin Patrimonio (second from left) and TJ Hotdogs rookie Jondan Salvador (right) join Sportshouse president Mars Chua (left) and former Philippine sports commissioner and Sportshouse outdoor model Weena Lim during the opening of the three-day "Sportstacle," a sports clinic cum grand sale organized by the sports and lifestyle store chain recently at Market! Market! at the Fort Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

## PBA mall tour back at Robinsons

THE PBA mall tour returns to the Robinsons chain starting today as the pro league continues to celebrate its 30th anniversary with activities where fans can meet their favorite players.

It will be a virtual trip down memory lane in the kick-off leg of the five-week tour dubbed "Celebrating 30 years of PBA with Robinsons Malls" as the stars of yesteryears, led by four-time MVP Alvin Patrimonio, grace the opening rites at Robinsons Pioneer. A separate photo gallery will be set up at Robinsons Metro East from Aug. 27-Sept. 4.

Joining Patrimonio are former San Miguel stars Samboy Lim and Hector Calma, PBA chair Ely Capacio, former commissioner Jun Bernardino, Robinsons Land GM for commercial centers Cornelio Mapa Jr., Robinsons Malls advertising and promotion manager Eunice Gonzalez and events manager Shiela Vitug.

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# SPORTS

## Siot is Coach of the Year

BETHUNE "Siot" Tanquingcen emerged the runaway winner of the coveted Virgilio "Baby" Dalupan Trophy, taking the spotlight as Coach of the Year awardee in the PBA Press Corps 12th Annual Awards last night at Dusit Hotel's Fiesta San Miguel Bar in Makati.

Tanquingcen got the nod of the PBA scribes for steering the Barangay Ginebra Kings to a near grand slam championship in the transition PBA season covering one and a half years.

Taking over Allan Caidic at midstream of the 2004 Fiesta Cup, Tanquingcen engineered a stunning turnaround by the Kings from a wobbly start en route to winning the crown which they followed up with the All-Filipino title.

Before that, Ginebra's last title came in the 1997 Commissioner's Cup under player-coach Robert Jaworski. Tanquingcen was a sophomore pro then, playing with Sunkist.

The 32-year-old former Santo Tomas point guard became only the second coach to win the Dalupan Trophy in his rookie year. Purefoods' Ryan Gregorio first achieved the feat in 2002 when he shared the Coach of the Year award with Coca-Cola's Chot Reyes.

Before replacing Caidic, Tanquingcen toiled as deputy to Jong Uichico at San Miguel Beer.

The other major award went to SMB top official Henry Cojuangco as Executive of the Year.

Other awardees were Dennis Espino as Defensive Player of the Year; Ronald Tubid, Mr. Quality Minutes; Jayjay Helterbrand, Comeback Player of the Year; and Luisito "Boy" Cruz, Referee of the Year. Rich Alvarez, James Yap, Ranidel de Ocampo, Paul Artadi and Sonny Thoss were named to the All-Rookie Team.

Cojuangco completed a grand slam for the San Miguel Corp. with Barangay Ginebra ruling the first two tournaments and San Miguel Beer topping the season-ending Fiesta Conference.

# Cabagnot flies coop; Sta. Lucia seeks ban

By June Navarro

**AFTER wrestling with uncertainty, Alex Cabagnot made up his mind and secured his educational future by jetting to Hawaii.**

His professional basketball future, though, may have crash-landed.

The Realtors yesterday vowed to throw the book at the league's second overall rookie pick after the franchise was left empty-handed by Cabagnot's decision to pursue a college degree in Hawaii.

"He (Cabagnot) should have told us before," said a fuming Buddy Encarnado, the former league chair and current Sta. Lucia representative to the board of governors. "There were teams bargaining to get our No. 2 pick but we turned them down."

The Realtors are expected to seek a lifetime ban on the supposedly hotshot guard advertised in pre-draft hype as someone better than Ginebra guard Mark Caguioa.

Encarnado offered Cabagnot a three-year deal that would have earned Cabagnot P8.5 million. The amount, however, was tied to a performance clause that—

CABAGNOT/ A20

LUZVIMIN GOLF

## Southwoods nails crown; Guioguio steals show

CEBU—Manila Southwoods turned back the challenge of a Del Monte squad powered by rising star Lovelyn Guioguio to win the top-flight Diamond division in the 2005 WGAP Luzvimin Golf Invitational tournament here.

National pool member Carmelette Villaroman submitted a tournament-best medal round of even-par 72, worth 54 points under the Molave system of scoring, to spark the final-day pullaway by Manila Southwoods.

With Lora Roberto scoring 51, Beachie Abiera turning in 45 and Claudine Ong adding a 40, Southwoods pooled 190 for the day to finish the 54-hole event with a 550 total, 25 points better than Del Monte's 525.

First-day leader Cebu Country Club struggled on the third day and wound up third. The hosts scored 171-523 to place ahead of Camp Aguinaldo (502), Sta. Elena (451), Mactan Coral (410) and Baguio (400).

Guioguio, however, stole the show by capturing the overall individual crown. Guioguio tallied 52 points for 157, with Eva Miñoza, younger sister of local pro star Frankie, completing a 1-2 finish for Del Monte after a 52-152.

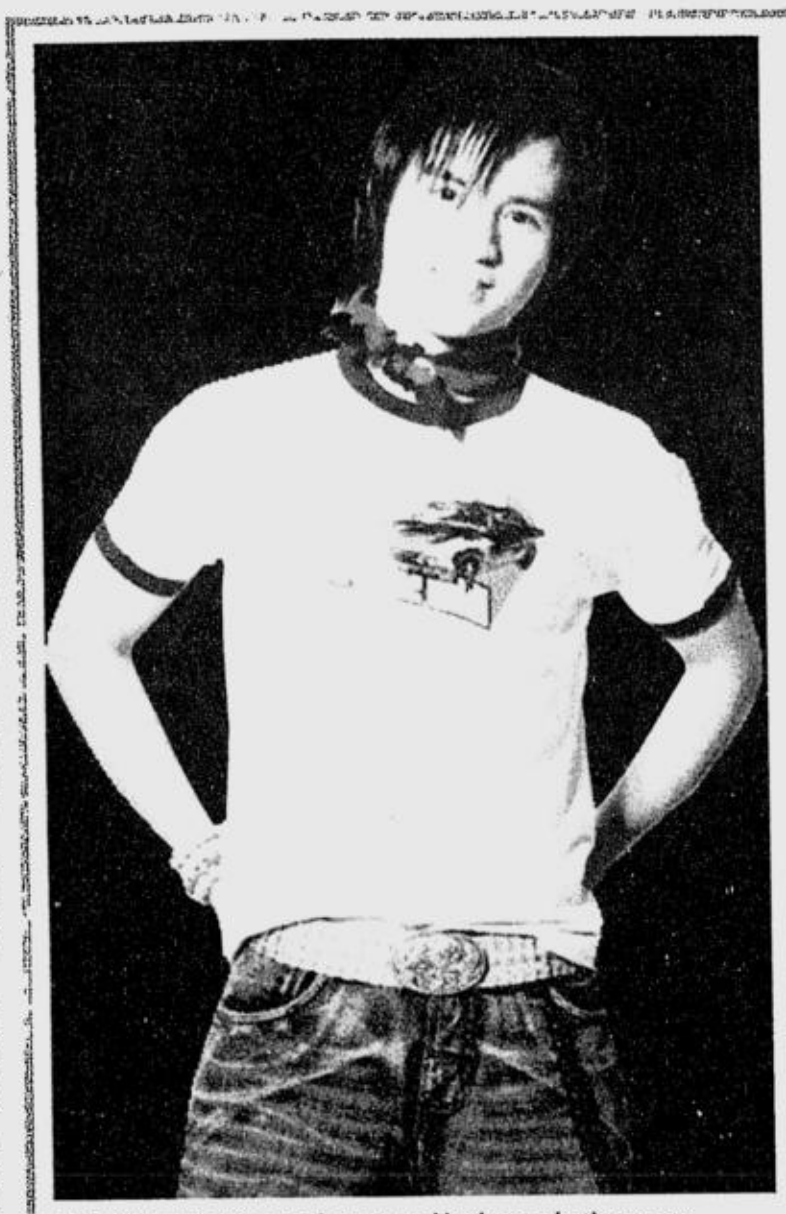
Negros topped the Ruby division while Wack Wack nailed the Pearl category of the tournament backed by the Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Airlines as the official carrier.

The team of Gaby Monfort, Maite Lustre, Regina Zulueta, Baby Ascalon, Joan Rojas and Joyce Cuenca totaled 427 points for a three-stroke victory over Villamor, with Riviera placing third at 420. Early leader Alabang wound up fourth at 410, Bacolod fifth at 409 and Pamplona sixth at 406.

Wack Wack's Mailene Cu, Rosario Dimson, Mabek Kawsek, Farah Imperial and Mely Leyesa carded 365 to beat the Alta Vista team by seven and Navy (326) by a big margin.

The rest of the standings saw Manila Golf finish at 314, Camp John Hay 307, Club Filipino 295 and Victorias 277.

Monfort's 136 won her the individual title in Class A by two shots over Hannah Wong of Cebu. Sarah Cruz of Villamor won Class B by eight strokes with 108. Marirose Cacho of Iloilo's 92 won her the Class C title by two.



JAPOY Lizardo wins on the mat and in the marketing game.

## *Japoy: More than just a poster boy*

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FOR someone with many interests, it's hard to figure out what taekwondo star John Paul "Japoy" Lizardo will do next.

But the big event the country is hosting at the end of the year is enough of a giveaway.

The 19-year-old poster boy for taekwondo, who is also a Milo energy drink endorser, an aspiring actor and a sports journalism student, is currently honing up his kicks for next month's Korean Open, which will serve as one of the qualifying tournaments for the Southeast Asian Games the country is hosting in November.

Lizardo, who cemented his celebrity status with a stint in an energy drink commercial where he executed a kick popularized by the Matrix movie series, says his preparation for the SEAG is part of his goal to end up as an Olympian someday.

"Eventually I want to become an Olympian," said Lizardo, who is hoping to follow the path taken by the likes of Monsour del Rosario, Kitoy Cruz and Stephen Fernandez, all of whom made it to the most prestigious quadrennial sports meet in the world.

That's why despite his crammed schedule, which includes his AB Sports Studies (major in sports journalism) at De La Salle University, he still finds his way to the taekwondo central gymnasium inside the Rizal Memorial Coliseum for twice-a-day training sessions.

"There are lot of distractions among the youth today, but I choose to focus my attention on many worthwhile activities," said Lizardo, the second of three children, all of whom are into competitive taekwondo.

Lizardo is currently under contract with ABS-CBN as a talent and is also dabbling in endorsements, the latest of which is that of a telecommunications giant where he portrays a school genius who delivers his lines with martial arts flair.

A gold medal winner during the recent Samsung Best of the Best taekwondo championships, Lizardo didn't start out a jin. He began his athletic life as a swimmer in grade school before becoming a varsity basketball player.

"But I'm also fond of all forms of martial arts," said Lizardo, who is a member of the RP Demo Team, which specializes in crowd-pleasing stunts. "You need to have a specialty to become a part of the Demo Team."

In his case, it's a maneuver he calls the super Asian turning kick that earned him a spot in the exhibition squad. The stunt involves two mid-air pirouettes on extended limbs, which he superbly displayed during that energy drink commercial that made him a household name.

## Iligan Crusaders stun Forward Taguig five

ILIGAN CITY—Iligan Crusaders gave Forward Taguig a dose of its own medicine to hack out a 66-61 victory Wednesday in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championships at the packed MSU-IIT gym here.

The Crusaders of Mayor Lawrence Cruz used a tight defense to hold off the league's top defensive team, limiting Mayor Freddie Tinga's Taguig cagers to a 35-percent field goal shooting (25 of 71).

With the win, Iligan completed its elimination round campaign at 8-5 in the tourney backed by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Spring Cooking Oil, Sunbolt Sports Drink, Accel, Molten, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorycles, Sirlitz, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Bayview Park Hotel, Holiday Plaza-Cebu and Prime Channel.

Taguig, still the leader in the Northern Conference at 7-4 despite the loss, tries to bounce back when it plays the Iloilo Warriors of IBL president Robert Uy and strong supporter Gov. Niel Tupas at 6 p.m. today at the USA gym in Iloilo City.

Gerry Cavan scored 12 points as Iligan raced to double-digit leads, the biggest at 16, 54-38, late in the third quarter.

Former FEU Tamaraw James Zablan strung up seven points while Jimboy Robillos and Ariel de Castro scored a basket each to move Taguig within four, 56-52, at the start of the payoff period.

However, veterans Dondon Mendoza and Jerome Barbosa came to Iligan's rescue to preserve the victory.

"Tonight's win means a lot to us because we beat the top team in the north," said Iligan team manager Freddie Siao.

**The scores:**

**ILIGAN 66**—Cavan 12, Mendoza 8, Roque 8, Sagad 8, Barbosa 6, De Guzman 6, Fajardo 5, Uy 4, Ayodelle 4, Reyes 3, Faustino 2, Torio 0, Baguio 0, Canoy 0.

**TAGUIG 61**—Robillos 15, Zablan 12, Dulay 9, Sinco 6, De Castro 4, Dela Rosa 3, Aclon 3, Reguerra 3, Marucot 2, Vilar 2, Gonzales 2, Lapinid 0, Magsambol 0.

**Quarters:** 24-13, 45-31, 54-41, 66-61

## Pisfa anniversary tilt tees off Sept. 5

THE PHILIPPINE International Seafreight Forwarders Association Inc. (Pisfa) will hold its anniversary golf tournament on Sept. 5 at the Sta. Elena Golf Club in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Tee off time is 7 a.m.

Newly elected Pisfa president Rico V. Brizuela said the event is a fund-raiser for the organization's various projects.

"The event aims to promote camaraderie and fellowship among the shipping and freight forwarding communities," Brizuela said.

The event is presented by AAI Group of Companies, Mercury Freight; TMS Shipping Group, and the Transnational Diversified Group. Raffle prizes include a free weekend use of a BMW as well as test drives courtesy of BMW Phils.

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## San Beda, WNC trios all set for Asian Streetball finals

SAN Beda and West Negros College gear up for the sixth Adidas Asian Streetball Finals, confident of holding their own against tough teams in the 3-on-3 tournament slated Sept. 3-4 at the Araneta Coliseum.

The San Beda and WNC cagers booked the two Philippine slots in the Asian championships after finishing 1-2 in the recent Adidas Streetball Challenge national finals. San Beda nipped WNC, 17-14, for the crown.

But the RP squads are expected to have their hands full against China, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong and defending champion South Korea.

The Philippines ruled the 2002 event in China.

"Actually, we don't have any idea how tough the other teams are, but I am sure that the Chinese and the South Koreans are the ones to beat," said San Beda coach Reynaldo Baena.

Portland Trail Blazers guard Sebastian Telfair will grace the two-day event sponsored by top sports apparel Adidas. Fans will be treated to a slam-dunk contest, three-point shootout and free-throw competition, among others.

On the road to the Asian finals, San Beda dominated the NCR elims, then sustained the momentum in the national finals despite making do with only three players in John Carlos Hermida Jr., Eduardo Tecson and Jay-R Taganas.

Although San Beda dropped a 15-16 decision to WBC in the pre-final game, the Mendiola-based cagers got back at the Visayas champions with the 6-foot-4, 190-lb Taganas scoring 11 points.

Taganas, who turns 19 next week, is again expected to carry the cudgels for San Beda. Also expected to carry the scoring load for San Beda is NCAA standout Riego Gamalinda.

SAN BEDA'S Jay-R Taganas (red jersey) powers his way to the basket off WNC's Siverino Baclao (left) and Jelmar Padilla during the national finals.

## Antonio, Gonzales draw match; Wang sure champ

ANTONIO

FILIPINO Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio halved the point with compatriot International Master Jayson Gonzales in the penultimate 10th round Thursday, keeping their bid alive for a top-three finish in the Dato Arthur Tan 2nd Malaysian Open at the Midvalley Citytel Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

Pacesetter GM Wang Hao of China is already assured of the championship with nine points following a fighting draw with Indonesian GM Utut Adianto.

A distant second at 7.5 points was Australian GM Ian Rogers, who bested his contemporary, Filipino GM Eugene Torre.

Antonio, Gonzales, who has secured his 2nd GM result in the tournament; Adianto and Vietnamese super GM Dao Thien Hai and Nguyen Anh Dung shared third spot with 7.0 points each.

Filipino GM Nelson Mariano scalped Deni Sonjaya of Indonesia to join Torre, Indonesian IM Situru Nathanael and Indian GM Kunte Abhijit at 6.5 points.

Women's International Master Beverly Mendoza and WFM Sheerie Joy Lomibao were stuck at the bottom half of the standings with similar 3.5 points.

Wang, only 16, has an Elo of 2512 and is the only unbeaten player in the field laden with GMs.

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SANDLER. Plays football hero who falls from grace after a game-fixing incident.

NOW SHOWING

# Sandler, Hewitt in feel-good romps

By Rito P. Asilo

## "The Longest Yard"

D: Peter Segal
S: Adam Sandler, Burt Reynolds, Nelly

ADAM Sandler trades his zany Everyman shtick for football-hero duty in Peter Segal's feel-good, by-the-numbers remake of Robert Aldrich's 1974 prison-and-football flick.

If you can suspend disbelief that Sandler is a shamed football hero who succumbs to alcohol and depression after a much-publicized scandal, you'll probably enjoy this retread. Heck, you'll probably end up rooting for the movie's unlikely protagonists—the "bad guys," who turn out to be not so bad, after all!

But, the convicted felons in the prison facility look more like deformed, bemuscled freaks from the Arkham asylum than down-on-their-luck mortals who've just lost their way.

Confused? Here's a rundown: Paul "Wrecking" Crewe (Sandler), an NFL superstar who falls from grace after getting enmeshed in a game-fixing incident, lands in a scarier-than-Alcatraz correctional facility in Texas after an ignominious, alcohol-induced chase with the police. Inside prison, however, as part of Warden Hazen's (James Cromwell) nefarious ploy to boost his political stock as he sets his sights on the state governorship, Paul is coerced to recruit from his colorful "colleagues"—against the reviled prison guards!

Once again, Paul finds himself torn—this time, between loyalty to his teammates and his chance at freedom. Does he redeem himself by doing the right thing? Or, does he take the easy way out? Suddenly, the story takes a drastic role-reversal tack, and finds the befuddled audience rooting for the unlikely "underdogs." But, do they stand a chance? One guess.

HEWITT. Charming.

## "The Truth About Love"

D: John Hay
S: Jennifer Love Hewitt, Dougray Scott

After receiving a romantic card from an unknown admirer, Alice (Jennifer Love Hewitt) sends her two-timing husband, lawyer Sam (Jimi Mistry), an anonymous love letter to test his fidelity. She is convinced that Sam will tell her about the letter, but when he doesn't, she arranges a rendezvous with Sam on a blindfold—at the apartment of Archie (Dougray Scott), Sam's best friend!

As things turn out, Archie, who's also a lawyer, is really Alice's secret admirer! (And, like John Cusack's character in "Must Love Dogs," he also builds boats, mind you.) Can things get any more complicated than this? You'll be surprised.

Hewitt and Scott turn in charming performances despite little chemistry. But, some of Hewitt's all-American waifish charm and elfin spark is lost due to her inconsistent British twang.

Based on the romantic movies that we've been served up of late, here's the truth about love: When a girl finds herself caught in a love triangle, she should choose the sensitive and supportive boat builder over the irresistibly charming but two-timing cad. Yeah, right.

## "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"

D: Ken Kwapis
S: Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel

Ken Kwapis ("He Said, She Said") adapts Ann Brashares' immensely popular coming-of-age novel on the big screen—with surprisingly touching results. Kwapis assembles some of Hollywood's most promising young actresses—to deliver memorable performances—to tell the story of four teenage girls: beautiful Lena (Alexis Bledel), rebellious Tibby (Amber Tamblyn), wild Bridget (Blake Lively), and sensitive Carmen (America Ferrera). They embark on a summer of love, loss and adventure before they start their senior year in high school. Despite distinctly diverse personalities, the girls are bound by friendship—and a pair of magical jeans that perfectly fits all of them!

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# Ayesa survives toughest week

By Nestor U. Torre

AYESA. True grit.

THIS past week on "Rock Star: INXS" was the toughest for Fil-Aussie bet MiG Ayesa. The seven remaining finalists were each asked to compose an original song, and MiG's composition was one of two chosen to be performed on the show last Thursday.

That gave MiG a big surge, but it quickly got doused when he rehearsed the song with the show's band. His composition was rapped for its "unremarkable" lyrics and melody, and "dragging" tempo.

Bummer! MiG felt even worse when he was told that five of the other finalists would be performing hits written by the best songsmiths in the biz. How could his "weak" song compete against such proven rock crowd-pleasers? His stay on the show was clearly in danger.

## Transformation

Instead of losing heart, however, MiG believed in his song so much that he worked his butt off trying to improve it. When he performed his composition last Thursday, it had been completely transformed, from a potential loser—into a clear winner!

MiG's ardent performance had a lot to do with the song's transformation, of course. The Fil-Aussie finalist sang it as though there were no tomorrow!

Well, the gambit worked. The INXS jurors lauded MiG's talent and true grit, and when the week's "bottom three" dwellers were announced, MiG's name wasn't among them.

It looks like "our" bet has survived for another week, with the field now down to a "sexy" six.

As for the initial three lowest scorers (Ty, Deanna and Jordis), their supporters rallied to their "defense" with a flurry of additional votes, so the final three "bottom dwellers" last Thursday turned out to be—Ty, Deanna and Marty. And the INXS bandmates decided to let go of—Deanna.

So, MiG was able to weather his most difficult week on the "Rock Star" singing search

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## HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** You're a humanitarian at heart. You want to make the world a better place. You have genuine sympathy for those who are less fortunate; plus, you like to feel needed. Because of this, people respond to you with enthusiasm. You have strong organizational abilities. The year ahead favors relationships and social occasions. Have fun!

**Birthdate of:** Tuesday Weld, actress; Mother Teresa, missionary/Nobel Peace Prize winner; Alexa Vega, actress.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Recent confusion makes you paralyzed today about financial matters. Do you act or do you not? Definitely make sure that you keep everything honest and aboveboard.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** Others might misinterpret your actions. You mean one thing, but they think you mean another. Don't risk this kind of confusion. If others are hesitant, speak up clearly. Be forthright.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Someone might pull a fast one on you today. Sneaky deals are definitely possible. Guard your possessions and lock your car. Be careful that you don't lose something.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** If you don't feel good about doing something with a group of people or with a friend, then don't do it. If you feel hesitant, do nothing.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** You know what you want to achieve in terms of your job or your career right now, but you're not sure if you can count on the help you need from others. Therefore, go slowly.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** Travel plans and matters connected with publishing, the media or higher education might change. Your efforts might not bring the results you had hoped for. Perhaps you'll have to start again.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** You're not sure how to handle responsibilities for something related to children, the arts or professional sports. However, you probably want to help someone.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Tension with a partner about matters at home is tough to handle right now. In large measure, this is because you're not sure what to do. When you have this much doubt, go slowly.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** You believe you're doing the right thing at work because you want to help someone. Be sure you are not misguided in your efforts.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** Romance and love affairs are very confusing right now. You're not sure what to do. Therefore, don't do anything with permanent results.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** There's lots of confusion at home right now. It's hard to keep harmony in the family. Every family suffers from this at times. Be patient and loving.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** Don't get on your high horse about something unless you know what it is you really want to do. Your intentions are good. But others might not agree with you.

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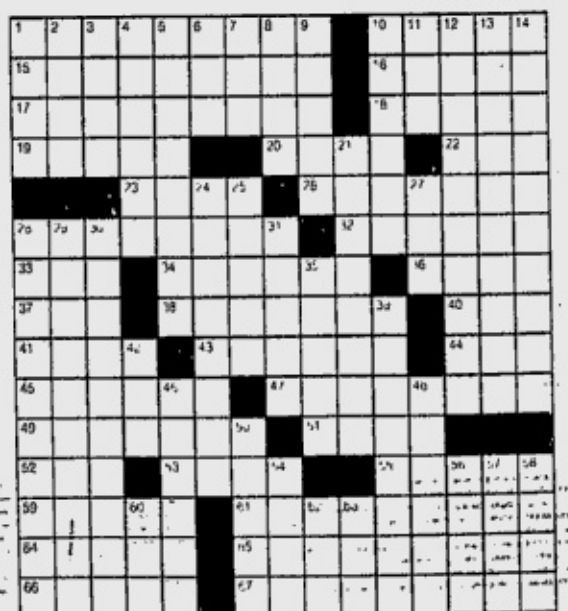

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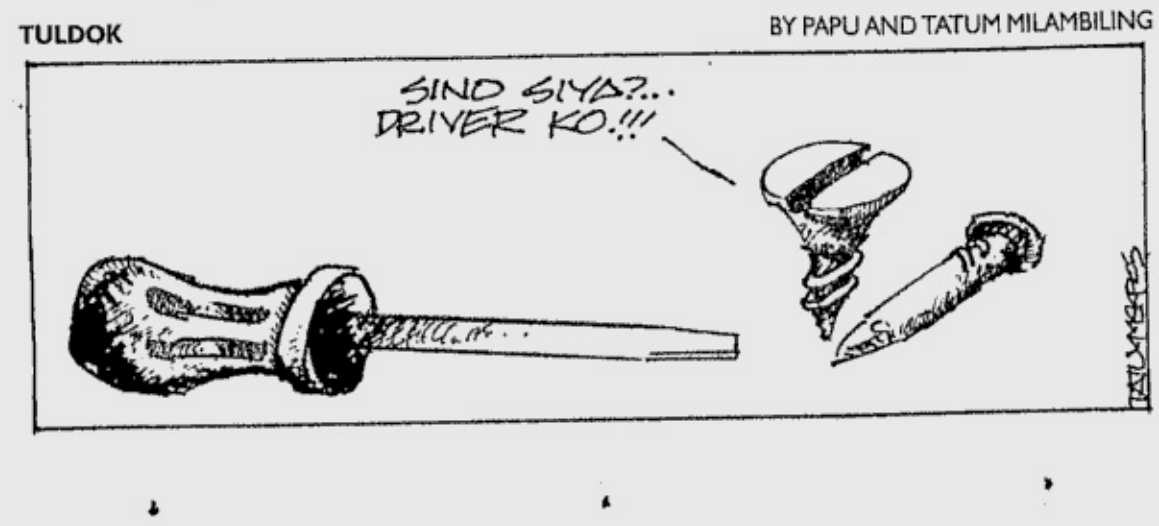


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# Heroic pigeons topbill Disney's latest animation

By Noelani Torre

IF you ask the man on the street what pigeons and World War II have in common, you're likely to get a blank stare. The truth is, however, pigeons did have something to do with the Second World War.

The British used homing pigeons to carry secret messages to and from the French Resistance. These birds played a vital role during the war, and 31 of these brave creatures were awarded the Dickin Medal for valor (that's sort of like the Victoria Cross for animals).

VALIANT. In active duty for king and country.

This is the historical fact that serves as the basis for the story of Disney's newest CGI movie, "Valiant." In less than 80 minutes, it tells the tale of a small but earnest wood pigeon named Valiant, who enlists in the Royal Homing Pigeon Service with the intention of doing all he can for king and country.

## Emphasis

To put even more emphasis on the movie's triumph-of-the-underdog theme, Valiant is assigned to a squad of misfits called Lofty, who are not doing very well in their training. Before they've even finished, they find themselves being flown into enemy-occupied France to retrieve an important message!

The film's visuals are not as good as they could have been. The pigeons, for one, are strange-looking. They don't look like pigeons. In fact, they look like an amalgamation of several types of birds—duck, seagull, etc.

The best thing about "Valiant" is its all-British voice actors, led by Ewan McGregor as Valiant, who try their best to inject life into a collection of bird puns pretending to be a film script. It's a commendable effort, alright, but "Valiant" doesn't have enough power to really fly high.

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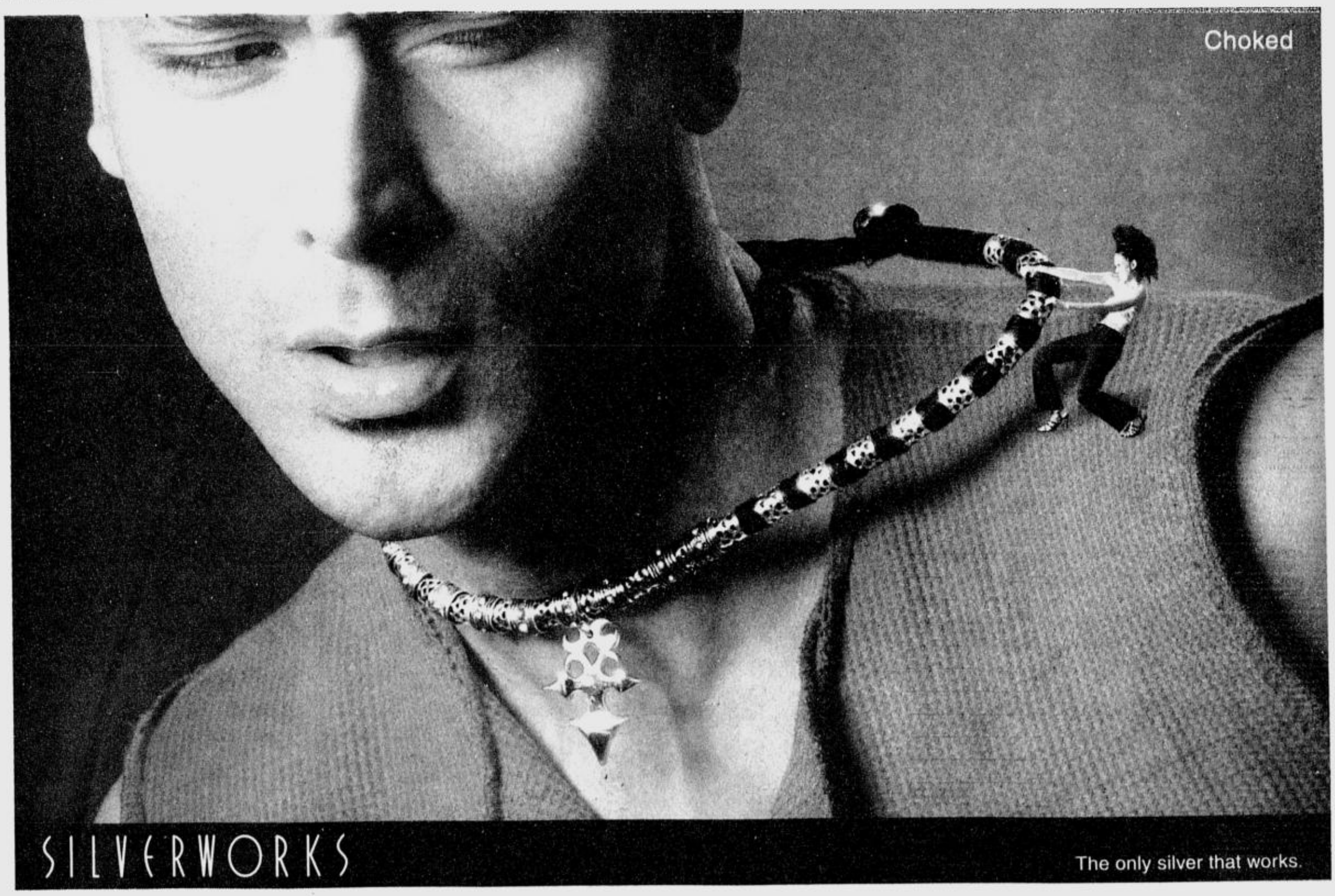
thus far. But, he can't afford to relax, because the tilt's other remaining finalists—Ty, Marty, JD, Suzie, Jordis—are all immensely talented and charismatic.

MiG has been one of the more consistently popular contestants ever since the 15 finalists were named, but now that only six finalists are left, his survival on the show has become even more of a challenge. Well, he's come this far, so he's certainly not about to throw in the towel just because the competition is heating up even more!



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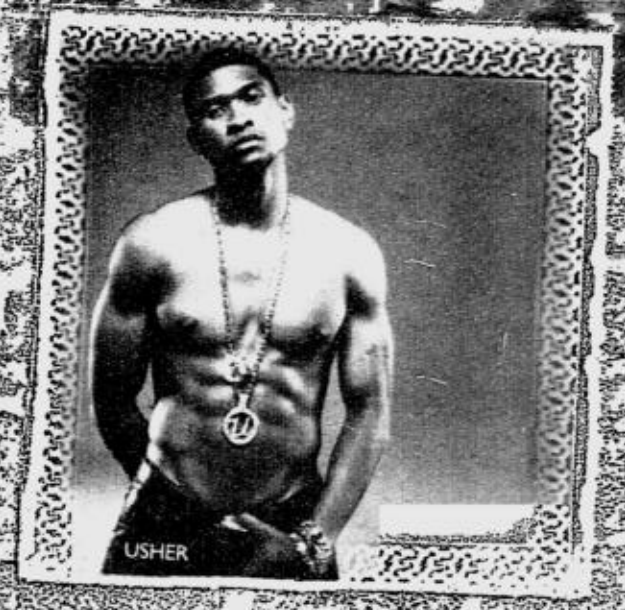

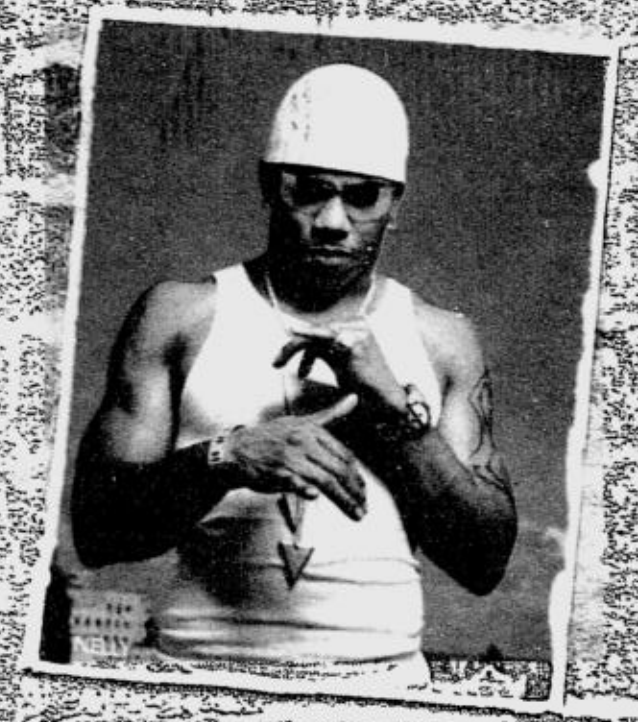

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# SATURDAY Special

NAVARRO. His movie, "D' Anothers," hit box-office gold.

## Making sense of the horror film craze

By Nestor U. Torre

MOVIE producers all over the world have been trying to understand why horror films have become so popular with viewers. In the distant past, the horror film genre was spawned in Europe, with such spooky seminal works as "Nosferatu" (1922) and "Dracula" (1931).

Of late, however, post-"Friday the 13th" chillers have been coming from Asia, specifically Japan and South Korea. Some of them have become so successful and influential that they have even been re-made by Hollywood.

### Potency

In the Philippines, the potency of the horror film genre was proven by the strong box-office showing of Chito Roño's "Feng Shui," and a recent comedic follow-up, Joyce Bernal's "D' Anothers."

These two big hits have convinced local producers that horror is the way to go in Filipino

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# New films focus on family ties

By Nestor U. Torre

THE MOVIE industry has made films about all sorts of trendy topics and themes, but it eventually goes back to the family. That's because people come to value family ties, despite modern-day distractions and contradictions.

For instance, Cameron Diaz's latest starrer, "In Her Shoes," casts her as an irresponsible party girl, Maggie, who moves in with her sister Rose (Toni Collette), an attorney. Trouble brews when Maggie beds Rose's boyfriend.

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**DIAZ. Plays an irresponsible party girl in Curtis Hanson's "In Her Shoes."**

### Letters

When Maggie is thrown out of Rose's apartment, she chances upon letters from her grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) that have been kept from them by their father. Eventually, she finds herself at her grandmother's door, looking for the security, strength and love that have been eluding her all these years.

In "Little Manhattan," the familial relationship explored involves a woman (Cynthia Nixon) and her 10-year-old son, Gabe (Josh Hutcherson). Young Gabe falls in love with his classmate, Rosemary, and his mother learns a thing or two about love from his adolescent ardor.

Two families are involved in "The Family Stone": Christmas takes on a new meaning for the Stone family when Everett Stone (Dermot Mulroney) brings his overly self-conscious girlfriend, Meredith (Sarah Jessica Parker) home for the holidays.

He's seeking a thumbs-up from his bohemian parents (Diane Keaton and Craig T. Nelson), but things don't work out as well as he wants. Meredith feels that she's failed miserably to impress her future in-laws, so she calls upon her younger sister, Julie (Claire Danes), to save the day.

In "Night Watch," the focus is on the relationship between father and son. Anton (Konstantin Khabensky) thought he had lost his son to a witch doctor when he sought to avenge himself against his wife.

It's only after 10 years that he chances upon his son, Yegor (Dima Martynov), who's now believed to be the Great Other who can end the longtime war between good and evil. But, Anton must save his son from the dangers that lurk around.

### Great mystery

And, in "Dark Water," Jennifer Connelly plays a young woman who goes to extreme lengths to protect her daughter and solve a great mystery. Newly separated and living in a new apartment, Dahlia (Connelly) is determined to put her relationship with her estranged husband behind her, and devote herself to raising her daughter, Ceci.

But, as the strained separation degenerates into a bitter custody battle, her situation takes a turn for the worse—and her new apartment seems to acquire a sinister life of its own! It takes all of Dahlia's determination, courage and love for her daughter for them to survive the relentless onslaught of the ghost that's tormenting them.

# Making sense of the horror film craze

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movies this year, so expect more chillers to hit the silver screen in the coming months.

It's also quite timely that this year's Eiga Sai (Japanese Film Festival) has a horror motif. Its opening film, "Pulse" (Kairo), by Kiyoshi Kurosawa, will be screened at 9 p.m. on Aug. 31 at Cinema 1, Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

### Popularity

What accounts for the current popularity of horror movies, both locally and internationally? We discussed this with some producers and film buffs, and we came up with this analysis: These are dangerous times, full of threats and fearsome events that leave us feeling troubled and psychologically disturbed.

Horror movies are most welcome viewing fare at this time because they physicalize our fears, and give a face to the unspeakable horrors our contemporary nightmares throw at us.

Yes, we get terrified when we watch a horror movie, but we *know* that it's a work of fiction, so it's manageable—unlike the real-life dangers we face, many of which are beyond our power to control.

So, in a sense, horror movies provide us with an opportunity to *rehearse* how we should behave when we face a real-life terror. And, if we "practice" often enough, our response to actual dangers of the physical or psychological kind can be calibrated, and thus the danger becomes manageable, as well.

### Catharsis

What about horror-comedies like Vhong Navarro's recent starrer, "D'Anothers"? They provide even better catharsis, because they enable us to *laugh* at our fears, and thus get over our terror more quickly.

Whatever the truly operative reason, the fact that horror movies are huge hits these days has prompted producers to dish out more of the same.

Let's hope that the new productions will be truly chilling, and not just pale copies of the hits that have set the current trend. A glut of bad horror flicks would be truly—horrible!

**PEREZ, WILSON AND JAMORA. Portray three strangers drawn together by tragedy.**

# *'Frozen' says a lot about grief, guilt and forgiveness*

By Rito P. Asilo

WE have spent sleepless nights thinking about the story of Bryony Lavery's award-winning drama, "Frozen," New Voice's latest theatrical offering, set to open on Sept. 9. We're hoping that it will be as moving an experience for theater enthusiasts as it has been for us since we started rehearsing it last month.

### Remarkable actors

The production has a lot of things going for it: Lavery's brilliant script—one that has bowled over critics on the West End and on Broadway, and won for Brian O'Byrne a Tony, and the remarkable actors in its cast: Roselyn Perez (lead star of Cinemalaya's best short film winner, "Mansyon") and recent Aliw Award nominees, Jamie Wilson and Jenny Jamora (for "Cabaret" and "The Blue Room," respectively). Newcomers Tcel Maramag and Jerome Doctolero complete the cast. The brooding tale of "Frozen"—about three strangers drawn together by tragedy—should linger long after curtains close.

"Frozen" tells the story of Nancy (Perez), a mother who endlessly waits for the return of 10-year-old daughter, Rhona, who goes missing on her way to her grandmother's house. But, after 20 years, she is brought face to face with Ralph (Wilson), a convicted serial killer who's responsible for the rape and murder of seven young girls. Ingrid, Nancy's other daughter, tells her mother that it's time to move on—but, learning to forgive Ralph is the only way to do so. Of course, that's easier said than done.

### Debate

On the other hand, Agnetha (Jamora), a clinical psychiatrist with her own demons to purge, raises the debate on nature versus nurture in her thesis: "Is killing a forgivable act?" Indeed, are some people born evil? Are our actions a consequence of upbringing? Do we forgive people just because there's something in their genes that drives them to commit horrendous crimes? Which sins are forgivable, and which deserve damnation?

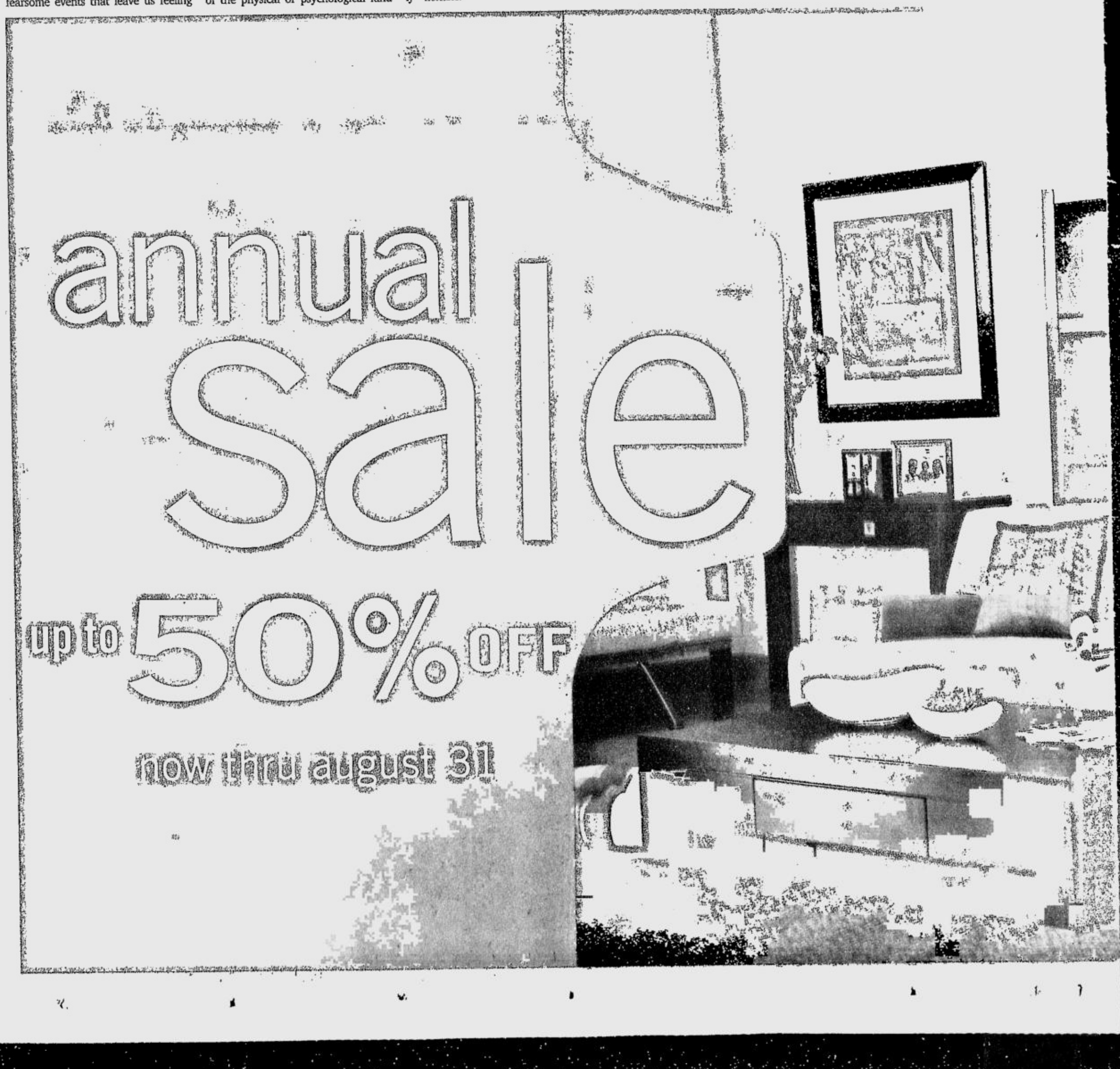
New Voice has always been partial to character- and issue-driven plays like "Sacrilege," "Cabaret," "The Blue Room," "The Vagina Monologues" and "Stop Kiss." "Frozen" is no exception. For a predominantly Catholic nation like ours, the issues, social or personal, raised in the play bristle with pertinence—and Lavery explores them with sensitivity, compassion and undeniable power.

### Crime and punishment

She takes her audience along with her as she explores her musings on crime and punishment, guilt and remorse, sin and forgiveness—and healing.

"Frozen" goes onstage at the Republic of Malate on Sept. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., with matinee performances on Sept. 10 and 17 at 4 p.m.

*Call New Voice at 896-5497, or Ticketworld at 891-9999.*



# AYSpecial

## Impressive tracks in Brandy's retrospective

By Noelani Torre

NOT many 26-year-olds can boast of a retrospective album spanning a decade-long career. But, singer/actress Brandy has always been special. "The Best of Brandy" isn't only a look back at her career's first 10 years, it's also a compilation of impressive chart-topping material that reminds us just how consistently successful she's been.

The collection kicks off with "The Boy Is Mine," her duet with Monica from her 1998 sophomore album, "Never Say Never." One of her earliest and biggest hits, it turned double-platinum soon after its release and paved the way for record sales of more than six million copies. It's a song worthy of all the fuss, too, with a languid feel that contrasts with the cattiness of its subject matter. It's a down and dirty catfight at heart, but the claws are sheathed in the smoothest R&B silk.

BRANDY. Consistently high quality.

### Collection

Nine of the collection's 18 tracks are from her first two albums, with only five from 2002's "Full Moon" and last year's "Afrodisiac." Also included are the Babyface-produced single, "Sittin' Up in My Room," from the "Waiting To Exhale" soundtrack; "Missing You" (with Tamia, Gladys Knight and Chaka Khan) from the "Set It Off" soundtrack; a cover of Phil Collins' "Another Day in Paradise," and a cover of Michael Jackson's "Rock With You," with Quincy Jones and Heavy D.

"Never Say Never" is, unsurprisingly enough, the most represented album in this collection. Aside from "The Boy Is Mine," there are five other songs culled from it. Her self-titled quadruple platinum 1994 debut is represented by "Baby," "Brokenhearted," and "I Wanna Be Down."

Most of the songs, in fact, are from the alto-voiced singer's mid- to late '90s period, which has been her most successful to date. During that period, not only was Brandy releasing multiple-platinum albums, she was also making waves on television as the title character in Fox Television's hit sitcom, "Moesha," and Disney TV's adaptation of "Cinderella."

### Fame

This isn't to say that her two later albums are not on the same level as the first two. Brandy doesn't record as often as you'd expect a singer of her fame would, but when she does go inside the studio, she usually comes up with material of a consistently high quality. "Full Moon" and "Afrodisiac" may not have done as well as "Brandy" and "Never Say Never" in sales, but they can hold their own in terms of content.

If Brandy's not quite as ultra-successful now as she was a couple of years ago, well, she's *only* in her 20s. "The Best of Brandy" shows that she's got a lot going for her. The next 10 years should be even better.

## Taking shelter

LOTUS POND

*R. Valencia and S. Bismark*

SINCE time immemorial, people have offered praise to the Supreme Person. Here are examples of such glorification:

"The Supreme Person is our hero. He promises protection from danger for his devotees. He will shelter me from calamities."

"My Lord, you are the property of the materially impoverished. When someone loses material opulence, he turns to You. Then, he realizes that he has not lost, but gained. To lose material wealth for your sake is not a loss. Rather, it's the greatest gain. My Lord, except for You, I have nothing to claim. Please, don't neglect me."

### Surrender

"The Supreme Being is the Supreme Master. Therefore, if I take shelter in Him, I will always be safe. He loves everyone, but he especially looks after those who surrender to Him. Allow me to give up my arrogance for thinking myself independent from Him."

"Everything looks beautiful when you are intimately connected to beautiful things: The moon makes the sky beautiful. Similarly, a nation becomes progressive if it is ruled by good leaders. Without you, Lord, there's no beauty in our existence. Please be the center of my life, and make everything in it beautiful."

"I worship the Supreme Person, by whose order the sun moves in its orbit. Let me give you, oh Lord, full control over my life!"

## Human resource management

STREET SMART

*Mandy Navasero*

DR. RAMON Ricardo A. Roque and Prof. Divina M. Edralin have come up with a new book, "Human Resource Management Concepts and Application in Philippine Context." The book discusses what an ideal workplace is in the local setting, and examines if Filipino laborers and employees are getting the benefits and salaries they deserve.

### Chapters

The book has six chapters. The first is "An Overview of Human Resource Management," and features historical highlights from the first Industrial Revolution in 1750 up to the present. It focuses on the effect of globalization and trends in information technology.

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What sets this book apart is its factual and updated information on human resource management. And the authors are brave enough to reveal truths about existing conditions in the workplace. Email dsgenrrr2004@yahoo.com.

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## 'Bach to Metallica'

MONTAGE

SINAG Tala, in cooperation with Philam, 98.7 dzFE, Philstar.com and Image One Mall TVs, showcases works of Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Villalobos and Metallica as performed by cellists from the PPO, SMPO and MMCO in "Bach to Metallica: An All-Cello Concert." This concert, held in memory of arts patron Vicente "Tiking" Lopez Jr., will be on Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Philam Theater, United Nations ave., Manila.

Complementing the concert is an art exhibit in cooperation with Galerie Joaquin featuring paintings inspired by the cello by artists Jerry Morada, Vincent de Pio, Gino Tioseco, Andi Cubi, Rellie Liwag and many others. Visiting Korean cellists Ena Song and Heejung Lee will also be participating.

Proceeds of the concert shall benefit the Cello Guild of the Philippines, which aims to promote the appreciation and performance of the instrument and the expansion of the St. Francis High School in Valle-hermoso, Negros Oriental. Call 726-1297 or 0918 XINTALA (946-8252), or send an email to sinagtala@skyinet.net, or visit www.sinagtala.net.

### Dreamscape presents CY Voice

Dreamscape brightens your weekend with Asia's youngest boyband, CY Voice. Today, tomorrow, and on Sept. 3, enjoy the singing artistry of CY Voice, a group made up of 11-year-old Carlo Ocampo and 12-year-olds Ryan Obar, Arjohn Tecson and Deandro Almariego. The shows start at 3 p.m. at the Dreamscape Center Stage at the fourth level of Robinsons Galleria, Ortigas Center.

Dreamscape offers an exciting mix of entertaining rides, amusement facilities and fun activities for children and adults alike. Call 636-2911 and 631-7594.

### 'H2O'

On the Hallmark Channel at 9 p.m. on Aug. 28, the Canadian prime minister is killed in an accident. His son goes back to mourn his father, and finds out the truth about his sudden demise. The son is later thrust into politics, but his rise is sidetracked when he learns that his father's death wasn't accidental.

He then gets caught up in a dangerous web of conspiracy and deceit, and discovers a shocking plot to sell one of Canada's most valuable resources—water.

### Marc Nelson for Sun Cellular

Marc Nelson has a busy lifestyle, so it's a must for him to be connected with people who matter in his personal and professional life. That's why he subscribes to Sun Cellular's 24/7 post-paid plan.

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### 'Diva 2 Diva'

Kuh Ledesma and Zsa Zsa Padilla's intimate concert, "Diva 2 Diva," will have its last performance at the Mandarin Oriental's Captain Bar at 9 p.m. tonight. Call 910-1470.

### 'You Make Me Sing'

The mall tour of Karyll's "You Make Me Sing" album hits SM Bacoor at 5 p.m. today. Also featured are the Universal Two by Four Dancers.

### 'Art Is Kool'

At 10 a.m. today on ABC-5, "Art Is Kool" experiences the rich and colorful art of Paete, Laguna, including *papier mache* and woodcarving. Kuya Jomike hosts.

# Walking to win the battle of the bulge

By Noel Trinidad

*(Conclusion)*

**TRINIDAD. Faced up to the challenge—for one week.**

OUR village is the smaller of the different subdivisions in our area. But, we probably have the most number of cars per square meter.

My informal survey shows that the number varies from two to seven cars per house. And these are only those that I can see parked along the streets and driveways! Who knows how many cars are parked inside a mansion with high walls?

It's also amazing how many government officials live in our tiny village: congressmen, cabinet officials, military officers, minor bureaucrats, etc!

## Landmarks

I have discovered that, one way to shorten the distance you're traveling is to create landmarks that remind you of your progress.

For example, in one stretch of a particular street, I made up four. It started when I finished circling the first corner. Landmark One was a house that had seven vehicles and three motorcycles. Two of the cars sported No. 8 license plates.

Halfway through that street, I passed Landmark Two, a mansion under construction. Curiously, one morning, I saw a truck delivering materials to the site. The truck had a sign: "Government Project. Do Not Delay." Not having a malicious mind, I naturally assumed that the huge mansion was a government project being built for a noble purpose—like housing at least 20 indigent families.

Next was Landmark Three, a cabinet member's house. At least, he didn't have seven vehicles (all right, he had six!), but two of them also had No. 8 plates.

By this time, I knew I was nearing the corner where, as I made my turn, I was confronted by my fourth landmark—another house with cars and SUVs, one of them with the ubiquitous No. 8 plate.

I wish I could tell you who these congressmen were but, for reasons known only to the House, the license plates no longer identify the province where they hold sway. I guess they justify this by citing security reasons.

On the other hand, it's also convenient if one dignitary wants to remain incognito, for whatever reason.

## Modest townhouse

Some mornings, there would be another car with a No. 8 plate. But, this one would be parked in front of a modest townhouse—nothing ostentatious, nothing fancy.

When I mentioned this to a friend, he had a ready explanation: Either this congressman was a rare breed who lived a quiet, simple life, or he really didn't live there but just stayed overnight on occasion to visit a dear "relative." As you can tell, my friend is a very cynical person.

This business of creating landmarks only works if you start your walk on a positive note. On mornings when you literally have to drag yourself out of bed, these landmarks can be deadly. They seem farther apart than usual!

So, how did I do with my avowed goal of reducing my waistline by walking? I'm proud to say that I completed one week of walking without any hitch! I was able to do it, because I told myself that I was going to be guided by what I called the three Ds: Determination, Dedication, and Discipline.

Success doesn't come easy. I knew that the succeeding weeks would be crucial. There would be no turning back! But first, because I worked so hard, I thought I owed myself a one-day rest. What harm could it do? After all, we're just talking *one* day, right? Wrong. It's been a week—and I'm still resting!

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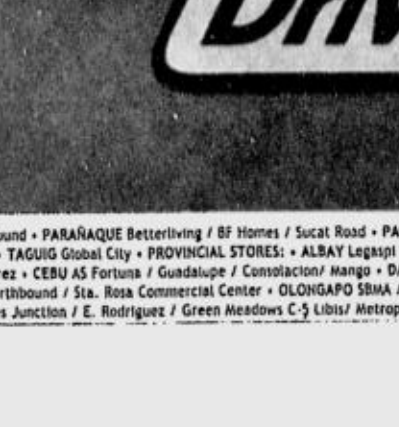

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# Gov't warned against giving oil subsidies

## US firm says future effects more painful

By Michelle V. Remo

AMERICAN investment bank Morgan Stanley has warned against the granting oil subsidies by governments as a way to ease the impact of unabated oil price increases, saying such a move would result in an economic drag in the long term.

While oil subsidies would lessen the burden of high operating cost on businesses, and increasing cost of commodities on consumers, Morgan Stanley said it would also result in artificially low prices that, in turn, could spur more demand.

The oil problem worldwide is caused partly by continually growing demand by huge economies like that of China and the United States.

"The future payback (of granting subsidies) is more painful than if the economy has been left to weather the shock because subsidies augment demand and increase the subsidy handouts unnecessarily," Morgan Stanley said in a research paper titled "The Ugly Face of Fuel Subsidies."

Subsidies could even lead to worse levels of fuel shortages in the future, it warned.

As it tends to augment demand, economists said the ill effects of granting subsidies would be worse for countries that heavily depended on imported oil like the Philippines.

The government would also be forced to shell out more funds as a growing demand for oil would require a higher budget for subsidies—a scenario which the cash-starved Arroyo administration would not be able to thrive in.

The country, which imports about 95 percent of its crude oil requirements, has been reeling from the unexpected sharp rise in world oil prices. *(See related story on this page.)*

The National Economic and Development Authority was forced to revise to a more conservative figure its gross domestic product (GDP) growth target for this year due to the effects of increasing oil prices on the economy. From the original target range of 5.3 to 6.3 percent, the government now expects GDP growth at 5.3 percent this year.

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**TRADERS** work in the oil futures pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange. Light sweet crude for October delivery fell 12 cents to $67.20 a barrel after reaching an intraday peak of US$68. AP

## *Oil pauses, holds above $67/barrel*

SINGAPORE—Oil eased from record-highs but kept above $67 a barrel yesterday due to fears of disruptions to US supplies, with oil and gas workers in the Gulf of Mexico being evacuated because of Hurricane Katrina.

The lofty prices are creating worries over economic growth as governments, businesses and consumers suffer from high fuel bills.

US light crude was down 36 cents at $67.13 a barrel after hitting $68 at one point on Thursday, the highest since U.S. crude futures started trade in 1983.

London Brent crude was down 33 cents at $65.94.

A sabotage blast hit an exporting oil well in Iraq's Kirkuk oilfield in the north, an Iraqi oil official said, adding to existing supply concerns.

The well produces 7,000 to 10,000

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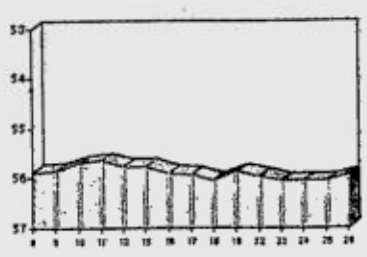


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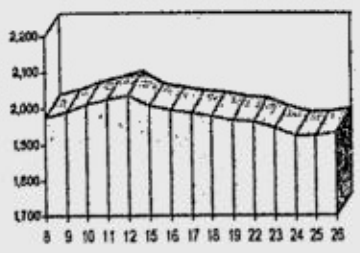
### STOCK MARKET

**PLDT leads market rise**

STOCKS eked out some gains at the close of yesterday's session with several blue chips rebounding from a recent sell-off, traders said.

The benchmark 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index rose 8.88 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,934.56.




Prior to Thursday's 0.1-percent gain, the market lost 6.6 percent over eight sessions.

Providing the biggest boost yesterday was blue-chip PLDT, up 1.3 percent at P1,560, following the 0.9-percent advance made by the company's American Depositary Receipts in New York on Thursday.

BPI rose 4.8 percent to P52, after reports that the country's second largest bank in asset terms stands to enjoy a major increase in annual net profit once it fully integrates recently acquired mid-sized Prudential Bank. *AP*

## Tan completes PNB deal; merger with Allied seen

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

A MERGER of two banks held by taipan Lucio Tan looms large after the Tan group completed yesterday the purchase of P8.14 billion worth of shares in Philippine National Bank, bringing the cigarette tycoon's stake in the bank to 77 percent.

Domingo Chua, PNB director and spokesperson for the Lucio Tan group, said in a briefing yesterday that it made sense to merge the two banks.

"(A merger between Allied Bank and PNB) is quite logical. It is not that easy. (But) we will come to that. I think (it makes sense). Mr. Tan always says we need a strong bank," Chua said.

Touted as the biggest privatization deal since 1997, the PNB sale is seen to trigger consolidation among banks, according to Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. president Ricardo Tan.

The national government's share in the sales proceeds is P1.98 billion while PDIC will get P6.16 billion.

Credit-rating agency Fitch Ratings earlier noted that a merger between PNB and Allied Bank, the 10th biggest bank in terms of assets, would make the merged entity the third largest in the country.

The PNB sale was completed in three block sales at the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday.

The government is now left with a 12.5-percent stake in PNB or 71 million shares. Of this, the government is mandated under the privatization law to sell 21 million shares or roughly 3 percent to small investors at P43.77, the same price it sold the shares to the Lucio Tan group. PNB closed at P38 a share yesterday.

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Chua said the Tan group had invited all current board directors to remain on the board.

If the Tan Group converts its warrants into shares in PNB, the group will own 84.22 percent in PNB and the government's stake will be reduced to 8.64 percent. The group has until Nov. 16 to convert the warrants.

The PNB deal followed two other major bank acquisitions in the past month—Bank of the Philippine Islands' purchase of Prudential Bank and Banco de Oro's entry into Equitable PCI Bank.




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# The poor and the SEC

**BREAKTIME**

*Conrado R. Banal III*

TODAY we talk about the SEC, the one and only Securities and Exchange Commission, the police of the business sector.

Based on news reports which quoted an anonymous SEC official (who must be so dumb, he could not even remember his own name), it seems the SEC is readying its move to destroy this poor company called CAP once and for all.

That is the famous pre-need College Assurance Plan, the country's biggest seller of education plans, with some 800,000 planholders.

By creating a so-called management committee in CAP, manned by SEC people, the SEC in effect takes over a business in which it knows close to nothing, except perhaps assigning fat salaries to its people in the committee.

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NOT ONLY that, word from the anonymous SEC official was that the commission was actually aiming for the liquidation of the business.

In other words, those thousands of poor holders of CAP education plans will not get everything that they are entitled to, under their plans, thanks to the SEC. That's why the anonymous SEC official hides his identity. You know—no balls!

If you say something like that, as if you are playing god over the lives of thousands of people, you better be ready for a little treat of public lynching.

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EITHER the anonymous SEC official lacks a certain part of the male genitalia, or he has a not-so-hidden agenda, such as the total destruction of the pre-need industry.

Anyway, the pre-need sector is basically Filipino-owned. Killing it will be a big favor to the insurance industry, which is dominated by giant foreign multinationals.

Leaking such a supposedly confidential plan of the SEC to media, actually, is a sure way to erode public trust in the company.

And in a business like CAP's, you must value public trust, more than on anything else, because people give you money in exchange for your ... well, promise.

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THUS, by leaking the SEC plan to media, the conniving cowardly anonymous SEC official is prejudging the case of CAP.

The SEC still has to consider the argument of CAP on why the SEC should not take over its business for liquidation, before the SEC can actually decide anything.

The CAP case of course involves the famous ARL, the "actuarial reserve liability," which the SEC imposed on the pre-need industry five years ago.

The ARL forces the pre-need companies to set aside, today, all of the money to pay for the pre-need plans way into the future—some 20 to 30 years from today.

Until CAP comes up with the money to do that, the SEC is holding back the renewal of its business license.

And that is the first step in the apparent scheme to destroy the company. It denies CAP the much needed cash flow. Any business without a cash flow surely dies.

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AFTER this same CAP got groggy from the SEC punches on its cash flow, the SEC thinks it is time for the full takeover of the business—for the kill.

That should make some SEC officials make more money for themselves.

You see, in the entire pre-need industry, they are still talking about the alleged conspiracy among top government officials to kill the industry.

How much money changed hands in such a daring robbe...*este*, "maneuver," *pala*, even received honorable mention in a congressional inquiry on the industry.

For one, there was the top secret study on the industry, done by a US based organization, which was funded by the US government, which in turn gets its money from US big business, such as an insurance group in New York.

And then, there were two versions of the top-secret study, with one meant for the industry to comment on, the other for the SEC to implement, regardless of the comment of the industry.

You cannot blame those thousands of CAP plan holders if they think that the same conspiracy continues to this day.

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FOR INSTANCE, the SEC-appointed so-called oversight committee for CAP, in its report, claimed that the trust fund of the company was down to P4 billion.

Under SEC rules, the company does not have control over the trust fund. The function belongs to trustee banks.

Contrary to the claim of the SEC oversight committee, the trustee banks reported that the trust fund was still more than P7.3 billion.

I mean, look at that, trust funds and such are the business of banks. They must know what they are doing when it comes to trust funds. That's their job.

As far as trust funds are concerned, the SEC oversight committee, on the other hand, could have been manicurists or something, and we cannot tell the difference.

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BASED on the leaked news report from the anonymous SEC official, the commission wants to take over CAP—listen to this—to "preserve its assets for the planholders from further erosion."

Now, most of the assets of the company in the trust fund are real estate properties, and the property development sector is down at the moment, owing to the up-and-down cycle inherent in the real estate business.

And those are the assets that the SEC fears could be eroded—some properties that you cannot unload for lack of interested buyers.

Not even a criminal genius can find a way to, er, "erode" land assets. Of course, the anonymous SEC official could be talking about an environmental concern. You know—soil erosion.

In that case, CAP needs scientists and not the SEC management committee.

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OF COURSE the main basis of the SEC in wanting to take over CAP is the findings of the oversight committee that the company does not have enough assets.

Never mind that the trust banks disputed the findings.

Let's even assume that, by some miracle, the SEC got it right this time, and its findings and its claims are accurate, and so its takeover has factual basis.

Now, we all know the track record of the government in preserving assets from further erosion. Just take a look at the assets being preserved by the PCGG.

Aside from that, why must the SEC insist on preserving the assets, when the stockholders of CAP are not even taking away money from the company?

On the contrary, the stockholders are even putting more money in the company as advances by the hundreds of millions pesos.

And so is the SEC guarding the CAP assets against raid of stockholders who are putting hundreds of million of pesos into the company? Or is there something else here? I think so, too.

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IF THE SEC must do anything in CAP, the SEC must preserve asset the company's assets from erosion done by the SEC itself.

Years ago, the SEC appointed an oversight committee in CAP. A certain Roberto Manabat, who is now the officer in charge of the SEC non-traditional securities and instruments department, as head of the oversight committee at that time, ordered CAP to pay P100,000 a month to the SEC appointed comptroller for CAP, somebody named Mario Aguas.

Look at that—the standard pay for government appointees is P50,000 a month.

The pay of the finance chief of CAP itself was only P55,000 a month.

Other officers of CAP were getting P50,000 a month.

Senior marketing officers of CAP, which is a marketing-heavy outfit, are getting only P30,000 a month.

And you have the SEC people, mandated to protect the interest of the planholders by guarding against erosion of the company assets, setting handsome pay for themselves.

They even lied in Congress about it. During a congressional hearing, Manabat claimed that the P100,000 monthly pay of the SEC-comptroller was for two companies, namely CAP and CAP Pension.

Records showed that Aguas started getting a pay of P100,000 a month starting in May 2003 from CAP and CAP alone.

It was only a year later when CAP Pension was added to his responsibility.

Manabat did not totally lie in Congress. He just did not tell the whole truth. In other countries, public officials go to jail for that.

## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of August 26, 2005)

| STOCKS | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| **BANKS** | | | | | |
| Banco de Oro Univ. Bank | 31.5 | 31.5 | 31 | 31 | 137,000 |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 52 | 52 | 51.5 | 52 | 499,800 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 500 |
| Export and Ind. Bank Inc. | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 1,570,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 109,400 |
| International Exch. Bank | 18.75 | 18.75 | 18.75 | 18.75 | 105,000 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 28 | 28 | 27.5 | 28 | 509,000 |
| Philippine National Bank | 37.5 | 38 | 37.5 | 38 | 19,700 |
| Rizal Comm. Banking Corp. | 13.75 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 2,000 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 29 | 29.5 | 29 | 29.5 | 59,000 |
| **FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| First Metro Invest. Corp. | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 100 |
| Manulife Financial Corp. | 2810 | 2810 | 2810 | 2810 | 80 |
| Sun Life Financial Inc. | 2030 | 2030 | 2030 | 2030 | 850 |
| **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL** | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. | 13.75 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 13.75 | 4,000 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 1 | 1.02 | 1 | 1.02 | 90,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 720 | 725 | 715 | 715 | 13,600 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.044 | 0.044 | 0.044 | 0.044 | 1,000,000 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.0525 | 0.0525 | 0.05 | 0.0525 | 1,300,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 3 | 3.05 | 3 | 3.05 | 1,117,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 1535 | 1565 | 1535 | 1560 | 133,180 |
| Ivantage Corp. | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.63 | 590,000 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.016 | 0.017 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 126,600,000 |
| **POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES** | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 8,000 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 23 | 23.25 | 23 | 23.25 | 150,400 |
| Manila Water Co. Inc. | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 3,093,000 |
| Petron Corp. | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 1,964,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 1.2 | 1.32 | 1.2 | 1.28 | 1,701,000 |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Asian Terminals Inc. | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 1.68 | 890,000 |
| Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp. | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 200,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 8 | 8.1 | 8 | 8.1 | 509,000 |
| **CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS** | | | | | |
| Holcim Philippines Inc. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1,277,000 |
| Republic Cement Corp. | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 120,000 |
| **FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO** | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 3.45 | 3.45 | 3.45 | 3.45 | 3,000 |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 13,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 32.5 | 32.5 | 32 | 32 | 422,200 |
| RFM Corp. | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 70,000 |
| Swift Food Inc. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 40,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 67 | 67.5 | 67 | 67.5 | 112,100 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97 | 97 | 168,600 |
| Universal Robina Corp. | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 1,670,000 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 700,000 |
| **HOLDING FIRMS** | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.006 | 0.0075 | 0.006 | 0.0075 | 15,000,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 297.5 | 302.5 | 297.5 | 297.5 | 39,800 |
| Alsons Cons. Res. Inc. | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 100,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 150,000 |
| Alliance Global Group Inc. | 9.8 | 10 | 9.8 | 10 | 4,000 |
| Ajo Net Holdings Inc. | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 600,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 2.02 | 2.08 | 2.02 | 2.06 | 1,110,000 |
| APC Group Inc. | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 500,000 |
| Alcorn Gold Res. Corp. | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 11,000,000 |
| Anglo Phil Holdings Corp. | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 4,880,000 |
| Boulevard Holdings Inc. | 0.105 | 0.11 | 0.105 | 0.11 | 650,000 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,093,000 |
| Basic Consolidated Inc. | 0.24 | 0.245 | 0.24 | 0.245 | 1,110,000 |
| Southeast Asian Cement | 0.245 | 0.25 | 0.245 | 0.25 | 1,080,000 |
| DMCI Holdings Inc. | 2.95 | 3 | 2.95 | 3 | 710,000 |
| Filinvest Dev. Corp. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 616,000 |
| Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp. | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 253,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 607,000 |
| Global Equities Inc. | 0.0725 | 0.0725 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 1,100,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 80,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 1.72 | 1.76 | 1.72 | 1.76 | 15,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1,762,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 2,960,000 |
| Roxas Holdings Inc. | 1.04 | 1.04 | 1.04 | 1.04 | 72,000 |
| Solid Group Inc. | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 100,000 |
| SM Investments Corp. | 213 | 214 | 210 | 211 | 272,310 |
| South China Resources Inc. | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 60,000 |
| Uniwide Holdings Inc. | 0.17 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.175 | 1,500,000 |
| Waterfront Phils. Inc. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 200,000 |
| **MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING** | | | | | |
| Panasonic Mfg Phil Corp. | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 10,000 |
| Steniel Manufacturing | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 10,000 |
| **HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 320,000 |
| Fairmont Holdings Inc. | 0.72 | 0.74 | 0.71 | 0.71 | 270,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 1.42 | 1.5 | 1.42 | 1.5 | 3,415,000 |
| Manila Jockey Club | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 87,000 |
| Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc. | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 250,000 |
| **BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR) | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 87,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series S | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 100 |
| PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 200 |
| **PROPERTY** | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8,976,000 |
| C & P Homes Inc. | 0.235 | 0.235 | 0.235 | 0.235 | 70,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 970,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 1.36 | 1.38 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 2,951,000 |
| Kuok Phil. Properties | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.205 | 0.205 | 160,000 |
| Fil-Estate Land Inc. | 0.4 | 0.42 | 0.4 | 0.42 | 500,000 |
| Philippine Estates Corp. | 0.11 | 0.125 | 0.11 | 0.125 | 620,000 |
| Phil Realty and Holdings | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 0.175 | 500,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 7.2 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 8,388,000 |
| **MINING** | | | | | |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.0075 | 0.008 | 0.0075 | 0.008 | 12,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 3,764,000 |
| Benguet Corp. A | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 28,000 |
| Benguet Corp. B | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 2,500 |
| Dizon Copper Silver Mines | 2.04 | 2.08 | 2.04 | 2.08 | 104,000 |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.33 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 13,600,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 14,620,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. A | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 12,100,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. B | 0.021 | 0.022 | 0.021 | 0.022 | 73,400,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 49,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. A | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 4,240,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.95 | 1.02 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 15,500,000 |
| Semirara Mining Corp. | 27.5 | 28 | 27.5 | 28 | 813,200 |
| United Paragon Mining Co. | 0.34 | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 6,130,000 |
| **OIL** | | | | | |
| Imperial Res. | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 5,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.007 | 0.0075 | 9,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 10,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. A | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 70,000 |
| Petroenergy Res. Corp. | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 117,000 |
| Vulcan Ind'l | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 980,000 |

## DISCLOSURES

**CHINATRUST (Philippines) Commercial Banking Corp.** disclosed that the board appointed Roel S. Costuna as assistant corporate secretary.

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**VICTORIAS Milling Company Inc.**'s board accepted the resignation of Renato A. Castillo as director.

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ELECTED officers of **Alliance Global Group Inc.** were George T. Yang as chair, Andrew L. Tan as vice chair, Danilo M. Utanes as president, Dina d.R. Inting as first vice president for Finance & Corporate Information Officer, Cherryll L. Yu as treasurer, Renato M. Plezas as corporate secretary and Rolando D. Slatela as assistant corporate secretary. ***Compiled by Erika A. Sarmiento, PDI Research***

## CURRENCIES

| August 26, 2005 Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.812744 | 1.000000 | 56.0770 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007386 | 0.009088 | 0.5096 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.465946 | 1.803700 | 101.1461 |
| Hong Kong | Dollar | 0.104588 | 0.128685 | 7.2163 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.647089 | 0.796178 | 44.6473 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.681890 | 0.838997 | 47.0484 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.486178 | 0.598193 | 33.5449 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.617540 | 0.759821 | 42.6085 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.155934 | 2.652661 | 148.7533 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.216732 | 0.266667 | 14.9539 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.484729 | 0.596410 | 33.4449 |
| Indonesia | Rupiah | 0.000079 | 0.000097 | 0.0054 |
| Thailand | Baht | 0.019794 | 0.024355 | 1.3658 |
| UAE | Dirham | 0.221293 | 0.272279 | 15.2686 |
| Euro | Euro | 1.000000 | 1.230400 | 68.9971 |
| Argentina | Peso | 0.279774 | 0.344234 | 19.3036 |
| Brazil | Real | 0.335956 | 0.413360 | 23.1800 |
| Denmark | Kroner | 0.134140 | 0.165046 | 9.2553 |
| India | Rupee | 0.018641 | 0.022936 | 1.2862 |
| Malaysia | Ringgit | 0.215697 | 0.265393 | 14.8824 |
| Mexico | New Peso | 0.075254 | 0.092593 | 5.1923 |
| New Zealand | Dollar | 0.567044 | 0.697691 | 39.1244 |
| Norway | Kroner | 0.126259 | 0.155349 | 8.7115 |
| Pakistan | Rupee | 0.013623 | 0.016762 | 0.9400 |
| South Africa | Rand | 0.125792 | 0.154775 | 8.6793 |
| Korea | Won | 0.000792 | 0.000974 | 0.0546 |
| Sweden | Kroner | 0.107139 | 0.131824 | 7.3923 |
| Syria | Pound | 0.015657 | 0.019264 | 1.0803 |
| Taiwan | Nt Dollar | 0.025205 | 0.031012 | 1.7391 |
| Venezuela | Bolivar | 0.000379 | 0.000466 | 0.0261 |

# Aboitiz to invest P6B in power

**By Elizabeth L. Sanchez**

THE ABOITIZ Group is setting aside roughly P5 billion to P6 billion for possible investments in power generation over the next three years.

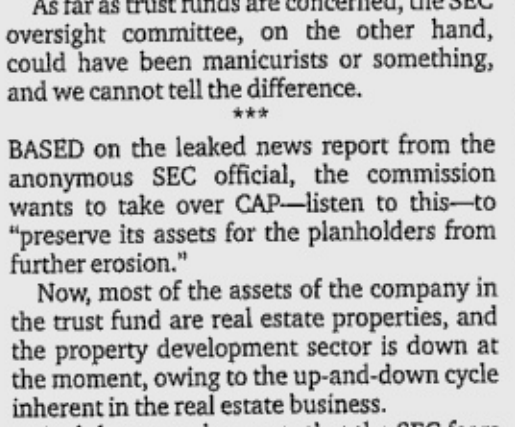
Officials said the group was also studying the possibility of bidding for power plants to be sold by the state-run National Power Corp.

The company is particularly interested in Napocor's hydroelectric plants in Ambuklao and Binga, both in Benguet; the 12-megawatt Masiway and 100-megawatt Pantabangan plants in Nueva Ecija and the 300-megawatt Magat plant in Cagayan.

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Corp. executive vice-president and chief operating officer Erramon Aboitiz said the Aboitiz group was conducting due diligence on these plants.

To further solidify its power generation business, the Aboitiz Group, through subsidiary Hydroelectric Development Corp. (Hedcor), is putting up a 40-megawatt hydroelectric power plant in Davao.

Aboitiz estimated the project would cost roughly P3.5 billion. Hedcor will start plant construction next year and begin operations in 2008.



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The Aboitiz Group plans to fund its ventures through the sale of treasury shares and loans.

To date, the group has a cash position of P2.8 billion.

AEV earlier partnered with Norwegian firm SN Power Invest AS to jointly bid for and develop Napocor's hydroelectric assets that have been lined up for privatization.

AEV, through Hedcor, is the country's largest mini-hydro development firm, controlling more than P3.3 billion worth of hydropower generation assets.

Hedcor was also the first company to win the bidding for a Napocor asset.

It won in March last year the auction for the 3.5-megawatt (MW) Talomo mini-hydro facility in Davao for $1.37 million.

AEV has interests in power generation, power distribution, banking, food and transportation.

SN Power, on the other hand, is engaged in the development and operation of hydropower projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The company's two founding partners, Statkraft and the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries (Norfund), gave it the necessary technical and financial backbone to develop hydropower facilities in various countries.

# Oil pauses, holds above $67/barrel

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barrels per day (bpd) and is part of a network that feeds a pipeline to Turkey. Exports of Kirkuk crude have been patchy over the past two years due to a relentless guerilla campaign, forcing Iraq to rely on its fields in the south.

Hurricane Katrina hit Florida's densely populated southeast coast yesterday, leaving 2 million people in darkness as power lines came down.

"We are still in the hurricane season and hurricanes seem quite active this year. So everyone will continue to be sensitive about weather news and any disruptions," a trader in Japan said.

The 11th-named storm in the Atlantic hurricane season forced some oil and gas producers to start precautionary evacuations of workers from the Gulf of Mexico, where the United States derives 20-25 percent of domestic crude and natural gas output.

"The impact of Katrina is a bit limited now. But there will be more to come," said Tetsu Emori, chief commodities strategist at Mitsui Bussan Futures in Tokyo.

Adding to the list of supply concerns, leading Japanese refiners suspended waterborne operations at some of their facilities in eastern Japan for a second day yesterday after a powerful typhoon made landfall in the area.

While there are signs of easing tensions in some producing countries, market participants remain concerned about a thin stock cushion after a spate of disruptions and as oil producers pump flat out.

Asia's economic growth is remarkable and will stay on track for this year and 2006, but serious risks remain due to high oil prices, the International Monetary Fund's chief said on Thursday.

Strong oil prices are acting as a check on building optimism about Japan's economic prospects, analysts say.

Indonesia announced on Thursday plans to end costly fuel subsidies and insisted it had complete control over its economy, seeking to shore up investor confidence battered by a falling currency and debilitating oil prices.

But fears of a full-blown crisis have emerged as surging oil prices are dealing a double-blow to the Indonesian economy.

Ecuador protesters, whose attacks slashed oil exports from the South American crude producer, struck a deal with energy companies on Thursday in which the firms agreed to invest more in the poor communities where they operate.

Output from state oil firm Petroecuador climbed back to 158,000 bpd on Thursday, but was still under the 201,000-bpd average before the attacks.

In another sign of easing concern, Nigerian blue collar oil workers' union NUPENG would not halt oil exports even if it joins any general strike called to protest an expected increase in local fuel prices, a union leader told Reuters on Thursday.

Previous government attempts to raise prices have led to crippling general strikes in the world's 8th-largest oil exporter. Reuters

# Gov't warned against . . .

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Earlier, Malacañang called on the public to conserve energy, even forcing government agencies to cut down on fuel expenses.

A proposal to do away with the oil deregulation law was earlier formally rebuffed by the government, which preferred more basic means of addressing the oil problem through conservation.

# At Customs bureau, a one-stop shop for securing import permits

By Michelle V. Remo

HOPING to do away with costly bureaucratic procedures, Malacañang will soon issue an executive order that will create a one-stop shop within the Bureau of Customs for businesses wanting to secure import permits.

The one-stop shop will pave the way for synchronized processing by concerned government agencies of clearances the BOC requires to approve requests for importation, said Alexander Arevalo, BOC officer-in-charge.

"The draft EO is now at the DOF for clearing, and then it will be submitted to Malacañang for approval and issuance," Arevalo told reporters.

The BOC chief explained that under the executive order, government agencies would be electronically hooked up.

Importers will have to submit documents required by government agencies only to the BOC's one-stop shop. The traders would go to the agencies only to file requests and pay the necessary fees.

This will address the delays in the release of import permits because of the tedious process of getting clearance from concerned agencies, Arevalo said.

# Traders expect to resume poultry exports to Japan

By Christine A. Gaylican

MEMBERS of the Philippine Association of Broiler Integrators (Pabi) are poised to resume poultry exports to Japan, hoping to recover the losses they incurred when the trade was temporarily halted two months ago.

Local broiler companies San Miguel Foods Inc., Swift Foods Inc., Tyson-Agro-Ventures Inc., Universal Robina Corp. and Vitarich Corp. reported that they lost an estimated $10 to $12 million, or about P660 million, in potential revenues when it voluntarily halted the export of processed chicken to Japan due to an isolated case of bird flu in the Philippines.

The exporters are confident Japan will remove the ban on Philippine chicken products, saying that Japan cannot obtain its chicken requirements from countries that reportedly have a high incidence of bird flu.

PABI spokesperson Ruben Pascual said the chicken exporters would continue to lobby for the lifting of the ban in Japan.

"We missed the peak season in Japan," Pascual said. "[The period from] July to October is when consumption of chicken is highest. What we missed is actually three times our regular booking."

He said exporting companies from the Philippines have coursed their petition through diplomatic channels.

They are urging the Embassy of Japan to allow the Philippines to resume exporting chicken products.

The Philippine government, through the Department of Agriculture, has requested a certification from the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) declaring the Philippines to be free of the bird flu.

Last June, a case of bird flu was reported at a duck farm in Bulacan. It turned out that the case involved the low-pathogenic H5N3 strain and not the deadly H5N1 strain that had killed more than 50 people across Southeast Asia.

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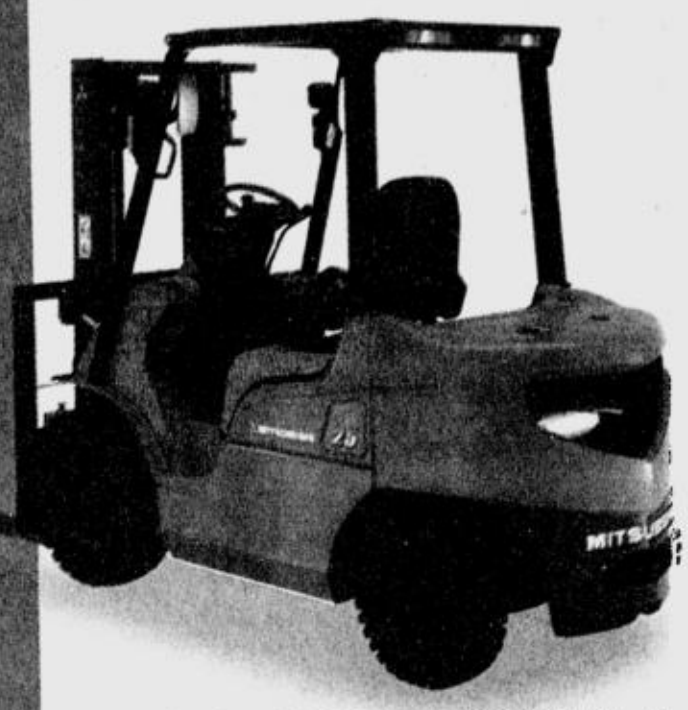

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# World population growth ensured for many decades

WASHINGTON—Global population growth is ensured for many decades with most of that population growth occurring in developing countries, according to a report released last Tuesday.

The rapid growth in developing countries, combined with declining birth rates in some industrialized nations could affect the ability of wealthy countries to aid poor countries, according to a demographer who prepared the report.

"The countries of today's developing world are growing almost three times faster than the developed countries," said Carl Haub, a demographer for the Population Reference Bureau (PRB), a private research group. "The global population growth today is concentrated in the poorest countries and the poorest areas of those countries.

"Almost 99 percent of population growth today and for the foreseeable future will be in those developing countries," he said. "There has been a complete shift in population growth."

### 'Birth dearth'

The study by the PRB found that in many industrialized countries and in some developing countries such as China and Thailand, average fertility was below the two-child average.

"Because these low fertility levels lead to population decline sooner or later, some reports have sounded the alarm about the possibility of a worldwide 'birth dearth,'" the report said.

**Countries with the largest population**

| Rank | Country | 2005 Population (millions) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | China | 1,304 |
| 2 | India | 1,104 |
| 3 | United States | 296 |
| 4 | Indonesia | 222 |
| 5 | Brazil | 184 |
| 6 | Pakistan | 162 |
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However, majority of the world's countries have a fertility rate above the two-child level, the study said, and have large numbers of women of reproductive age due to high fertility in the past.

Thus the global population growth is ensured for many decades, the study found.

### Effect on economic growth

Haub said the decline in the birth rate in some industrialized countries could affect their ability to grow economically.

"They could be in less of a position to help developing countries," Haub said. "These are countries that traditionally have been quite generous in terms of foreign aid. There is a concern whether they will be able to continue doing that."

The study said changes in the total fertility rate—lifetime births per woman—have dramatic effects on population size and are the focus of much research, analysis and debate among demographers.

The report said the complex and unpredictable nature of fertility rates makes this debate far from academic because national and international health, economic and other policies and programs may be based on population size.

In a recent analysis of survey data between 1990 and 2003 in developing countries, demographer John Bongaarts of the Population Council, an international nonprofit research organization, found that some nations had not yet experienced fertility decline while others had "stalled" in their transition from high fertility rates to low fertility rates, the report said.

The study said use of modern contraceptives was more common among wealthy women than poor women in nearly all countries and the gap is particularly pronounced in the poorest countries, in places as diverse as Uganda and Nepal.

### 6.5B people

World population growth will continue, the study said, reaching 6.5 billion in 2005 and going to seven billion in about seven years. Ninety-nine percent of that growth will be in developing countries.

The United States is projected to remain the third most populous nation behind India and China through 2050 with population increasing from 296 million to 420 million, the report said.

While China has the world's largest population in 2005 at 1.3 billion, India, now No. 2, will overtake China by 2050 with 1.6 billion. *AP*

# Of mangoes and shellfish

E. LANTIN, a high school student in Quezon City, has these intriguing queries: "Is it really true that the mango is a cashew? How about the mangosteen? Is it related to the mango?"

The question is not as far-fetched as it sounds, and the mango tree indeed belongs to the cashew family, *Anacardiaceae*. The mango tree is of East Asian origin and is widely cultivated for the popular golden fruit we love (*Mangifera indica*).

By the way, the genus *Mangifera* consists of more than 60 species of jungle trees whose fruits are fibrous and sometimes poisonous, with a taste compared by some people to turpentine. However, centuries of selection have produced cultivated varieties that are free of this foul odor, including our mangoes today.

### Mango tree

Since the mango happens to be one of my favorite fruits, I will add some facts about it here: The mango tree is thick and dark green and may grow to 12 to 15 meters tall. The tree has slender, pointed leaves about 30 cm long, and tiny pink flowers cluster at the ends of small branches.

The fruit is usually about the size of an apple, but it may weigh as much as 1.4 kilograms. It has a soft, juicy, yellow or orange pulp covered by a skin that may be yellow, green or even red. In 1900, the US Department of Agriculture brought the Philippine varieties to their country and they became instantly popular there.

### Year-round flowering

I am also proud to say that my good friend Dr. Ramon Barba (based at UP Los Baños) is responsible for ensuring that our mango trees flower year round (through the application of potassium nitrate).

The mangosteen (*Garcinia mangostana*) is not a relative of the mango. Native to Malaysia and Indonesia, it contains five to eight delicious white segments and a few seeds in a thick purple rind. It is also good to eat, although not as popular as the mango.

**EUREKA!**

*Queena N. Lee-Chua*

### Shellfish toxin

K. Tan, a college student in Manila, asks: "I watched an episode on TV wherein the victim was poisoned by shellfish and the narrator said that shellfish has been used in war. I find this hard to believe. Please enlighten me."

I am not sure if shellfish has really been employed in war, but shellfish toxins (especially from the giant clam) have been used by spies. A famous example is Gary Powers, the American U-2 spy pilot who was shot down over the former Soviet Union in May 1960. Powers carried shellfish poison inside a silver dollar, and the toxin would have killed him in 10 seconds had he taken it.

In 1974 the Central Intelligence Agency was found to possess 11 grams of shellfish toxin, together with other deadly substances, such as cobra venom.

CIA Director William Colby explained how they used such toxins: A device shaped like a pistol and powered by a battery in the handle could make an explosion powerful enough to fire a small poison dart of shellfish toxin several meters away. One gram of this toxin could kill several thousand people and could work so quickly that the victim would not even realize he had been hit.

### Murder weapon

Dr. Luly Cruz, shellfish toxin expert at the Marine Science Institute at UP Diliman, once told me, "Did you know that the Conus shellfish was used as the murder weapon in an episode of the old 'Hawaii Five-O' series? The Conus was given as a gift. The murderer handed the live cone to the victim who admired the beauty of the shell as he held the cone in his hand. The victim died instantaneously, which I suppose was done to make the story more dramatic."

Dr. Cruz adds that the sting of cone animal is quite painful, worse than a wasp sting. Numbness follows quickly, spreading from the sting site within 30 minutes, causing partial paralysis, blurred vision, difficulty in speech, swallowing and breathing. Unconsciousness may occur, and in severe cases, coma followed by death in 40 minutes to five hours due to respiratory failure caused by paralysis of the diaphragm.

Those who survive report experiencing general numbness and muscular weakness for some days, and sometimes nausea, vomiting, dizziness and fever.

So the next time you collect shells by the seashore, keep in mind this simple rule: If you are not certain about the nature of the cone or shell animal, resist the temptation to touch it, even if the shell is strikingly beautiful. Prevention is still the best policy.

For more information on Doctors Barba and Cruz, please refer to my book "10 Outstanding Filipino Scientists."

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# 1 pill to treat hypertension, high cholesterol

**By Charles E. Buban**

HYPERTENSION (high blood pressure) and high cholesterol often occur together, but treating them with multiple medications is a challenge for a lot of patients and their doctors.

Both ailments are leading risk factors for heart disease, which is the leading cause of deaths worldwide.

Patients who suffer from both hypertension and high cholesterol have a much greater risk of suffering a heart attack or stroke than those who only have one of the conditions.

"Additionally, 60 percent of all cardiovascular events are experienced by patients who have both conditions," says Dr. Dante Morales, medical director of the Manila Doctors' Hospital.

To treat the two conditions, a patient usually has to take two or more drugs several times daily, which is why adherence to this habit is more likely to fail as the months wear on.

Apart from forgetfulness, other reasons cited for poor treatment compliance are cost, side effects or lack of symptoms that lead patients to prematurely stop taking medications.

### No visible symptoms

"Compliance is especially important in patients with hypertension and high cholesterol since these two chronic conditions usually show no visible symptoms. Patients may think they are already fine and no longer need to religiously follow the routine, when in reality their health is in danger the moment they fail to adhere to their treatment regimen," says Dr. Morales.

He believes this is one reason there are two in 10 Filipinos over 20 years who have high blood pressure, as shown in the latest National Nutrition and Health Survey.

"If only these 7.6 million Filipinos adhere to their prescription treatment plans, they could be much healthier and save themselves additional healthcare expenses," says Morales.

### Encourage compliance

To meet this challenge, a number of drug manufacturers developed medicines that would encourage compliance.

Envacar is one of these drugs that was recently approved for marketing in the country. It is Pfizer's innovative pill that combines the company's two best-selling drugs: the anti-hypertension medicine Norvasc and the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor (hence the generic name amlodipine besylate+atorvastatin calcium).

Norvasc belongs to a class of drugs known as calcium channel blockers prescribed for people with high blood pressure and stable angina. Lipitor is a statin and is used to reduce LDL (bad) cholesterol.

Morales says the new combination drug may enhance patient compliance through the simplified treatment regimen.

"This new treatment option means that the patient only has to remember to take one pill every day, which makes it simpler," says the doctor.

According to guidelines issued recently by the US National Cholesterol Education Program, doctors are encouraged to aggressively treat patients who have both high blood pressure and high cholesterol, especially those with known coronary heart disease.

### Lower targets

It also recommended that people in the very high risk category for heart attack or cardiac death within 10 years should lower their LDL cholesterol level to not more than 70 mg/dL (from the previous goal of not more than 100mg/dL).

The Seventh Report of the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure of the United States recommends that doctors who are treating hypertensive patients should aim to target blood pressures below 140/90 mmHg and even lower in those with diabetes and renal disease (less than 130/80 mmHg).

# *Green tea lowers cancer risk*

DRINKING green tea greatly reduces the risk of developing stomach cancer and significantly diminishes the risk of liver cancer, a recent Chinese study found.

Associate Prof. Dr. Lina Mu of the School of Public Health at China's Fudan University, told the World Congress of Epidemiology in Bangkok this week that the study prompted a recommendation that high-risk populations be advised to drink green tea as a preventive intervention.

She studied the protective effects of green tea against stomach, liver and esophageal cancers in 1,000 cases in Taixing City, in China's Jiangsu province.

The study compared the prevalence of the three cancers among green tea drinkers and nongreen tea drinkers.

"We confirmed that drinking green tea is strongly associated with a decreased risk of stomach cancer and moderately associated with a decreased risk of liver cancer," she said.

The study found that the risk of developing stomach and liver cancers in people who drank green tea decreased by as much as 81 percent and 78.4 percent, respectively. The risk of esophageal cancer decreased by 38.9 percent.

It also found that green tea had a protective effect against both stomach and liver cancers in people who drank alcohol.

*The Nation/Asia News Network*

# A haven of hope for breast cancer survivors

MYRA Felipe, Olivia Pastores, Francisca Tolentino and Maria Teresa Garcia are four extraordinary women who had fought and won a battle against breast cancer.

These women have survived, but it is perhaps even more important to point out that thousands more are still suffering. Avon, the company for women, and the Philippine General Hospital have been working together, through the Kiss Goodbye to Breast Cancer campaign and the Breast Care Center, to provide aid for those afflicted by the illness. It is a partnership that has been helping the women fight the silent killer that has changed their lives forever.

The telltale signs of breast cancer start with a small, seemingly insignificant lump on either breast. Myra recounts how a doctor had felt rock salt-sized lumps in her breast during a checkup. Olivia found one on her left breast even before seeing a doctor. Francisca and Teresa both felt the lumps while taking a bath.

The circumstances may vary, so can their ages, health and lifestyles. The lifetime risk of any particular woman contracting breast cancer is about one in every eight and although some factors have been associated with an increased risk, there is no clear cause and effect relationship between them. What every woman should understand is that every one of them is at risk.

BREAST cancer survivors Olivia Pastores, Myra Felipe, Franz Tolentino and Teresa Garcia find hope and joy in the weekly sessions at the PGH Breast Care Center.

The closest thing to a cure for breast cancer is awareness and early detection so they have a better chance of preventing further complications.

Myra, 27, had difficulty accepting the truth of her breast cancer. She sought opinions from four doctors before finally facing reality and went through surgery immediately.

Francisca, on the other hand, seemed well prepared for her test results. "Before I learned the results, I was already expecting it to be breast cancer. I was ready to accept it. I didn't cry when the doctor broke the news, at least, not in front of him," she said. Her calm reaction made it easier for her family to deal with her illness.

A positive attitude toward the illness and a strong desire to get well have also helped these survivors deal with their breast cancer. Olivia was also suffering from diabetes and a heart ailment. She was initially devastated upon receiving the news but her faith, family and support group helped her cope.

Teresa did everything herself—from finding a donor to going to the hospital for treatment—recovering rapidly despite only four out of the six chemotherapy sessions recommended by her doctor. She is a single parent and wanted to get well as soon as possible for her children.

### Regular group session

Every Wednesday morning, these four women meet together with other breast cancer survivors for a regular group session at the PGH Breast Care Center. There they may take part in lectures, discussions and activities conducted by Avon and PGH. The warm, congenial atmosphere offer them a venue to share experiences with and derive support from each other.

The presence of dedicated facilitators and a support group not only gave them strength and encouragement; they also had something fun and educational to look forward.

Teresa says, "We have lectures on handling stress and depression, sharing sessions even personality development. Avon also provides us with beauty products because it's important to stay beautiful and to take care of yourself."

Olivia adds, "It's fun here. You get to know a lot of new friends. Here my life seems prolonged."

These women have proven that with will, determination and a little help from those who truly care, there is indeed life after breast cancer.

# Teen depression and suicide

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

*(Conclusion)*

ALTHOUGH TRANSIENT melancholy and mood swings are fairly common in adolescents and should not necessarily warrant undue concern, parents and elder siblings should also be conscious that a confluence of factors can lead to severe depression which may cause a teenager to take his/her own life.

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The reasons for depression can vary from adolescent to adolescent. According to experts, these factors are:

- Significant events such as the death of a loved one, parents' divorce, moving to a new area, or breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend.
- Earlier traumatic experiences such as physical or sexual abuse. These earlier experiences reemerge and cause great distress as the child becomes a teenager. This is because as a young child the victim did not have the life experience or language to process these painful experiences, or to protest.
- Stress, especially if the adolescent lacks emotional support.
- Hormonal/physical changes that occur during puberty cause new and unexpected emotions.
- Medical conditions such as hypothyroidism can affect hormone balance and mood. Chronic physical illness also can cause depression.
- Substance abuse can cause changes in brain chemistry.
- Allergies to foods such as wheat, sugar and milk cause or exacerbate symptoms of depression.
- Nutritional deficiencies may be caused by an amino acid imbalance or vitamin deficiency.
- Genetics can predispose a teen to depression when the illness runs in the family.

### Not spur of the moment

Suicides are not planned overnight. None are spur-of-the-moment decisions. A lot of planning takes place and is often discussed among peers.

Dr. Asuncion Reloza advises: "In the home, each family member must be willing to listen to the disturbed teen. Quality time is important. If the teen cannot and will not open up to a parent, a sibling or a responsible adult can be an acceptable substitute. In each instance, willingness to be available for the teen and to understand the causes of his/her anxiety and depression is imperative.

No promise must be made to keep the teen's troubles within the family. Expert help must be sought soon after the teen has opened up and he/she must be monitored closely. Always be on the lookout for continuing signs or mood changes."

A repeater in a suicide attempt is a different matter.

"Having gone through the motions, one's second attempt at suicide should be considered a distinct cry for help," Reloza stressed.

These are situations where help must be extended in all areas: at home, in school and at the professional health level.

Repeated attempts usually occur within a short period after the initial one, some as early as three months, so close surveillance and monitoring is required. Reassurances that the teen is not alone in his/her problem and that he/she can call on the family and physician anytime will appease his/her fears and insecurities.

As always, the root causes of his/her depression and anxiety must be worked out.

### Approval, affirmation

According to Reloza, adolescents are in constant need of approval and affirmation, most especially from the people who matter most in their lives. Studies on the needs of Filipino children have shown that when the family is cold and indifferent, this need is not met and the adolescent is liable to seek other outlets outside the home.

If he/she is not allowed or is restricted in an uncompromising manner, she often feels anxious and rejected, and eventually becomes depressed and rebellious.

What can parents do to help prevent their children from committing suicide?

The single most important thing a parent can do to break down the social isolation that is at the heart of adolescent problems is to **listen**. Parents must:

- Listen when their children talk
- Listen to their music
- Spend more time with them and be involved in their activities
- Take them to movies and concerts, and discuss them afterward
- Know their friends, and listen to them as well
- Not lecture or offer unsolicited advice or ultimatums
- Not try to talk them out of their feelings or solve their problems; just acknowledge the pain and sadness they are feeling
- Not compare their teen's feelings, reactions or experiences to their own or to someone else's

The bad news is that teen suicide is now a leading cause of teen deaths. The good news is that they are preventable. Day-to-day stresses can be overcome with full understanding and emotional support from the family, the school and society.

# More training for RP nurses before deployment to US

THE MANILA Doctors College (MDC), one of the country's premier nursing schools and the training arm of the Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH), recently signed an agreement with the Health Care Corp. of America International (HCCA) that would send qualified and well-trained Filipino nurses to reputable hospitals in the United States.

Under the agreement, the first batch of 25 nurses will leave the country in 2008 after passing both local and American professional nursing board examinations as well as English proficiency tests. Successful candidates are also expected to complete a two-year training stint at MDH as part of their preparation.

### Demand for nurses

In recent years, the worldwide boom in demand for nurses has resulted to increased enrollment in nursing schools all over the country. Graduates of these schools, however, have to contend with stringent professional requirements before they can actually set foot in an American hospital or healthcare facility. In addition, many hospitals in the States require nurses to have specialized training in a tertiary hospital prior to deployment. Consequently, Philippine hospitals have to face acute shortages in nursing staff.

The answer to these challenges is a landmark tripartite agreement between MDC, MDH and HCCA. In this agreement, HCCA will work in preparing the senior students for their English, US nursing exams and USCIS registration as well as work with MDC to assure the students are equipped with the crucial nursing core competencies and practices unique to the United States and required by America's better healthcare facilities.

"In America, nurses have greatly expanded roles on the floors. They are required to be more independent and to use case management approaches in patient care, which we often don't see practiced here," says the Philippines' very own Annabelle Borromeo, RN PhD, former VP for client services at Asia Hospital and US director of nursing. She says the students will then be allowed to use these skills on the floors at MDH after they graduate. She serves as HCCA's consultant on clinical nurse advancement and education. She is working on the project with MDC faculty and HCCA nursing educator counterparts in America.

### Additional training

In exchange for this additional training through MDC and practice in MDH, the participants have agreed to dedicate two years of service to the Philippine community through MDH using their skills, before departing to the United States where they are guaranteed employment with HCCA.

According to Aniceto M. Sobrepeña, president of MDC, "This agreement underlies our busness model to prepare our students to nurse the world, right from enrollment up to the time they are deployed, whether locally or abroad."

Says Joseph Gilinsky, HCCA's Asia-Pacific regional VP and managing director: "We are very excited about this project. It is a quadruple win. The student receives the free training and preparation, concentrated advanced nursing core competency experience plus a job in America. MDH retains a highly skilled staff for at least two years, knowing exactly when they will depart. The Philippine community receives the added benefit of these practices over the two years and will experience an orderly departure of nurses from the country. And of course HCCA will employ excellent nurses, after they have fulfilled their obligations in the Philippines.

Gilinsky says HCCA will invest about $150,000 on the pilot project with MDC/MDH, including guest lecturers and participants who will be made available to other healthcare groups.

# Philippine COPD study introduced this month

CHRONIC Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) ranks seventh among the 10 leading causes of mortality in the Philippines and, worldwide, is projected to rank fifth in burden of disease by 2020. However, COPD fails to receive adequate attention from the health care community and governments.

A major problem is incomplete information about causes, prevalence and burden of COPD, especially in developing countries and lack of understanding of the substantial impact of the disease on quality of life and health care costs.

### Prevalence survey

To address this gap, the COPD Foundation of the Philippines and the COPD Council of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP) will initiate this month nationwide prevalence survey called Philippine Burden of Obstructive Lung Disease (BOLD) initiative study. It will determine the true gravity of the COPD problem in the Philippines, both in the urban and rural areas. The study will be part of and supported by the international BOLD Initiative Study based in Portland, Oregon, headed by Dr. Sonia Buist, a world-renown pulmonologist.

COPD is defined as a disease characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible. The airflow limitation is usually both progressive and associated with an abnormal inflammatory response of the lungs to noxious particles or gases. Removal from the exposure usually slows the progression of disease. COPD, once present, may have a lengthy and costly course.

A diagnosis of COPD should be considered in anyone, particularly smokers, with symptoms of cough, sputum production, or dyspnea, and/or a history of exposure to risk factors for the disease. Cigarette smoking is by far the most important risk factor in most countries, but other factors, such as heavy occupational exposures to particulates and indoor and outdoor air pollution, can be causally related to COPD. Genetic factors may modify the risk, but these are poorly understood at present.

For the Philippine BOLD study, initially, data will be gathered from sampled households of the different districts of Manila from August to December 2005. This part of the study will assess the number of Manileños who have COPD, look at specific modifiable risk factors for COPD in Manila and also try to estimate the impact of the disease on quality of life of these individuals and the health care services and costs.

### Subjects of the study

All Filipino adults aged 40 years and above living within the sampled households will be eligible for inclusion into the study. A total of 1,260 subjects will be included in the study. The study will utilize the BOLD questionnaires, both in English and Tagalog versions, developed from pre-existing validated questionnaires already used in multinational studies.

The intent is to obtain information about respiratory symptoms (cough, sputum, wheezing, shortness of breath), exposure to potential risk factors, occupation, respiratory diagnoses (asthma, emphysema, COPD, chronic bronchitis and others), co-morbidities, health care utilization, medication use, activity limitation and health status. Participants of the study will also undergo spirometric measurements before and after administration of an inhaled short-acting bronchodilating agent to determine presence or absence of COPD.

Now supporting the Philippine BOLD Initiative Study are pharmaceutical companies Boehringer Ingelheim, United Laboratories, Pfizer, Glaxo Smith Kline and Altana. Investigators of the study will come from Philippine Heart Center, Lung Center of the Philippines and the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital.

The purpose of the population-based study using standardized methods, a state-of-the-art database of COPD prevalence and documenting the impact of the disease on disability, health care costs and impaired quality of life, is to make all this available to government and private health planners and providers.

# Gov't hospital gets boost with Philips CT scan

THE REVITALIZATION of state-owned regional and national hospitals gets another boost with the recent installation of the Philips Brilliance 40-Slice CT Scan at the Philippine Heart Center, marking the first phase of the government's move to upgrade its hospitals.

The Brilliance 40-Slice CT Scan is designed using the latest scanning technology that allows for faster scans and diagnoses, thus making it easier on the patient and helping hospitals increase their productivity.

The hospital development program just recently received a grant from the Netherlands government for the delivery of an extensive number of medical equipment and related services supplied by Philips Medical Systems to the country's regional medical centers and national hospitals.

### Export credit facility, grant

Under a program called Oret (Ontwikkelings Relevante Export Transacties or the Development Relevant Export Transaction), the Dutch government, through its Official Development Aid (ODA) program, extended a 22.5-million euros export credit facility and grant to the Department of Health for the procurement of Philips medical equipment to upgrade the specialty heart-lung-kidney centers covered by the DOH Health Sector Reform Agenda.

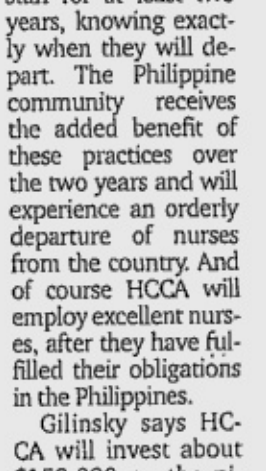
Aside from the Philippine Heart Center, the other government hospitals participating in the project are Bicol Regional Teaching and Training Hospital, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center, Davao Medical Center and Northern Mindanao Medical Center.

For the Oret project, Philips Medical Systems equipment include noninvasive diagnostic, imaging, operating room, recovery, hemodialysis and bronchoscopy tools. Aside from supplying the equipment, Philips also trains biomedical engineers for equipment maintenance.

### Enhancing healthcare

Med Mateo, president and CEO of Philips Group of Companies in the Philippines, said the Oret program "significantly enhances our healthcare services nationwide. With Philips healthcare solutions and technology, the efficiency of specialist hospitals like the Philippine Heart Center is greatly enhanced. We are happy that many of us will now benefit from the diagnostic capabilities and referral structure of these hospitals."

"Philips takes immense pride in the technological innovations that we have brought to the area of healthcare. We see this as fulfilling our mission of creating meaningful technology that enhances the lives of people throughout the world. I congratulate the Philippine Heart Center for this state-of-the-art installation and we look forward to a fruitful partnership to bring world-class healthcare services to the Filipino people," said Andreas Wente, president and CEO of Philips Medical Systems in Asia Pacific.

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Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **JESUSIMO V. DELA CRUZ**, was the subject of extrajudicial settlement. With Special Power of Attorney by his heirs as per Doc. No. 199 Page No. 40, Book No. 1, Series of 2005 of Atty. Raul R. Corro, City of Muntinlupa.
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of Mabini, Pangasinan

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She was the wife of **Ciriaco Sison** (†) and mother of **Caridad Balagat** (†), and survived by sons **Juan, Jose** & **Diolando** and daughters **Pablita** and **Carmencita**.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence in Brgy. Cabinuangan, Mabini, Pangasinan and will be interred tomorrow, August 28 at the Mabini Catholic Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

1st Death Anniversary

## EDILBERTO C. BAYAN

**of Meycauayan, Bulacan**

*who passed away on August 27, 2004.*
*The family request relatives & friends to remember him in prayer.*

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|---|---|---|
| **St. Bernard's Parish**, Tracy CA, USA | August 26, 2005 | 8:00 AM |
| **Sto. Domingo Church**, Quezon City | August 27, 2005 | 5:45 AM |
| **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**, St. Francis Meyc. Bul. | August 27, 2005 | 6:00 AM |
| **Saint Jude Shrine**, San Miguel, Manila | August 27, 2005 | 6:30 AM |
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| **Lourdes Church**, Quezon City | August 27, 2005 | 7:30 AM |
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## ALBERT I. PINEDA

Retiree of United Laboratories, Inc.

*Peacefully joined his Creator on August 24, 2005 at the age of 48.*

His body lies in state at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat Rd., Parañaque.

Interment to be announced later.

*In Loving Memory*
First Death Anniversary

## *Roberto Alvarado de Veyra*

December 30, 1938 – August 27, 2004
*Dearly loved Husband and Father*

His wife, **Patricia Viola de Veyra**, children **Ramoel & Clara, Pamela, Ronaldo & Olympia**, grandchildren **Ryan, Ben & Ria**, relatives & friends request the readers to pray for the repose of his soul.

Masses will be offered in the following churches:

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| St. James the Great Parish Church | 5:30 PM |
| St. Jerome & Sta. Susana Parish Church | 7:00 PM |
| Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Shrine | 7:00 PM |
| Presentation of the Child Jesus Church | 6:00 PM |
| Resurrection of our Lord Church | 5:30 PM |
| San Beda College Chapel Alabang | 7:30 AM |

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Top housing experts at 10th NREA confab

TOP housing experts and professionals are lined up as speakers and resource persons on the latest technology and products in real estate and construction during the 10th National Convention and Exhibits of the National Real Estate Association (NREA) on Sept. 22 – 24 at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

The convention, focused on the theme "Sustaining the Real Estate Boom," has also invited Vice Pres. Noli L. "Kabayan" de Castro, concurrent chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, as guest of honor and keynote speaker, it was learned from Association president Pepe Manalad.

Also invited as guests are Sen. Manuel B. Villar, Jr., guest of honor for the Anniversary Dinner-Fellowship; and Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita, as guest of honor during the closing ceremonies of the convention.

The speakers in the four convention-workshop sub-themes are: On the Urban Renaissance Workshop, chaired by architect Ma. Ysolde A. Flores, the presentations are on: "Themed Development" by RMJM Phils. president, architect Abelardo M. Tolentino, Jr., and on "Transport-Oriented Development" by Palafox Associates founding partner, architect Felino A. Palafox, Jr.

For the Workshop on Urban Renewal, chaired by Lexber president, Alejandro C. Herrera, Jr., featured are: "Opportunities and Pitfalls of Urban Revitalization," by Concep, Inc. president, architect Nathaniel von Einsiedel, Ph.D.; "Place Making: Creating People Places," by Central Country Estates president, architect Nestor S. Mangio, and; "Mixed-Use Development," by architect Ong Tze Boom of Singapore.

On the Workshop on the Driving Force of Real Estate Boom and Its Support System, chaired by Robinson's Properties sales director, Alejandro S. Mañalac, the topics and presentors are: "Improved Systems and Procedures – E. O. 45," by HLURB chief executive officer and commissioner Romulo Q. Fabul; "Real Estate Tax Updates," by BIR deputy commissioner Lilian B. Hefti; "Latest Pag-IBIG Financing Program for High-Rise Condominiums," by HDMF president, lawyer Romero F. S. Quimbo, and; "Public-Private Joint Venture," by Mandaluyong City management officer, lawyer Ernesto L. Santos.

For the Real Estate Marketing and Management Workshop, chaired by Salesman's Center president, Dioscoro L. Garing, Jr., presentations are on: "Opportunities for Retirement Communities," by Philippine Retirement Authority general manager, Dr. Nelson P. Collantes; "How Tertiary Education Can Help Sustain the Real Estate Boom?," by CHED chairman, Dr. Carlito S. Puno; "Real Estate Advocacy and Formal Education," by IRESPHIL Dean, lawyer Ernesto V. Villagarcia, "Marketing Strategies Here and Abroad," by MGS Corp. president, Marcelino C. Mendoza, also past SHDA president and; "Property Market Overview and Assessment," by The Wallace Business Forum president, Peter Leslie Wallace.

Interested participants, including non-members of NREA, as well as employees of local government units, may call for reservation, tel. nos. 912-3492 or 913-4463.

## Pre-trial proceeding defined on 'Iyo ang Katarungan!'

THE SHOW "Iyo ang Katarungan" is a public service program that exhibits legal matters. It continuously educates its televiewers on the newly passed laws. It presents also cities, provinces, trial courts through its Governors, Mayors, Judges, with the new developments, new strategies for the betterment of their respective jurisdictions. Hosted by the Court Administrator of the Supreme Court – Justice Presbitero Velasco Jr. will delve more on court proceedings on the upcoming episodes. The show through Justice Velasco will illustrates the importance of Pre-trial as an effective way to speed up the court cases. Different types of cases such as Carnapping, Dispossession, breach of contract and reckless imprudence will be tackled. Iyo ang Katarungan believes that through Court Administrator Velasco the show will manage to explain the significance of a pre-trial proceeding by means of narration and re-enactment of a case from the incident to the courtroom. Starting this Aug. 28 and Sept. 4 every Sundays at 10 pm over IBC 13 a two-part episode Justice Presbitero Velasco Jr., will discuss Carnapping. Iyo ang Katarungan with Justice Presbitero Velasco is produced by Millicent Productions, Inc.

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   a. REBAP 3rd General Membership Meeting on September 30, 2005
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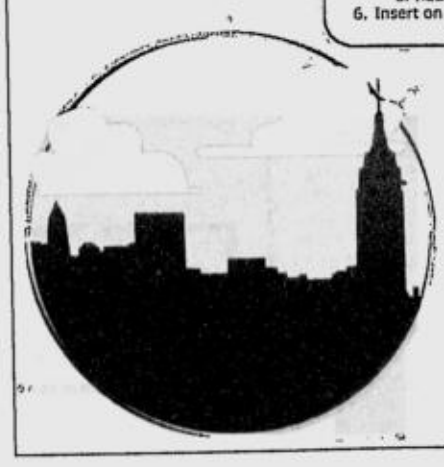

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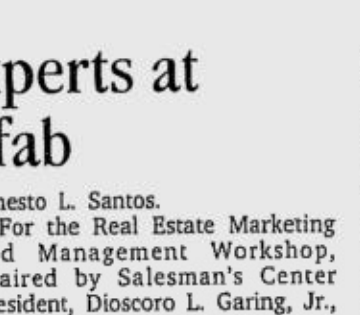

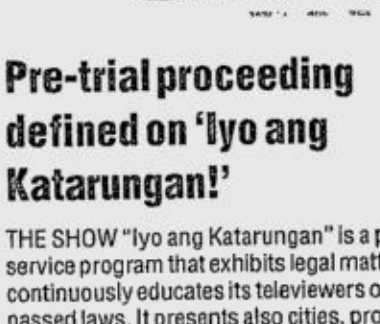

## SILANG LION CLUB (CAVITE) SETS CHARTER INDUCTION

**THE LIONS CLUB of Silang, Cavite spearheaded by its dynamic Charter President LION Nestor "Ness" M. Medina will hold its charters induction of officers and members on Aug. 27. Venue of said occasion will be at the Casino Filipino in Tagaytay City at 6 p.m. Chosen as Club Muse is no less than the winner of Ford Model's Supermodel of the World Philippines for 2004 Ms. Daphne Dominique T. Galvan, a 15 year old lass from Silang, Cavite, LION Gerald "Jumbo" Medina will escort the clubs muse. LION Medina also announced that no less than the governor of Cavite, Ayong Maliksi will grace the induction as guest speaker. LIONS officers and members from District 301-A2, headed by its District Governor Rodolfo L. Pua are expected to attend the charter induction too.**

## TWO OUTSTANDING GENTLEMEN IN UNIFORM UP CLOSE

TAGGED as the First Camp Commander in Camp Crame, a crime buster, a leader, an action man in the exciting and critical task in serving the Filipino people. A public service that entice dangers and the perils of his call as a military man.

This Wednesday August 31, 2005 10PM on IBC 13 on "Up Close and Personal" an exciting, educational, inspiring and a bit emotional divulgement from one of the distinguished men in uniform in the person of the Director III of the Enforcement and Security Service of the Bureau of Custom- Director Nestorio Gualberto will get "Up Close and Personal with Marissa del Mar" and discusses about his life as a military man, his plans and projects for the Bureau and ideal family man behind the stiff personality.

On the other hand Up Close and Personal will feature another equally admirable gentleman, making a mark in his profession in Iloilo City, currently serving as the Chief Superintendent in the PNP Regional Office, Region VI. Due to vast request, the show is paving way of Police Chief Superintendent Dorotheo Reyes II interview courtesy of CPU Alumni Media on its program entitled "Reklamo Publiko" wherein PCSupt. Reyes is the special guest. Police Chief Superintendent Dorotheo Reyes is the recipient of various awards in his professional life as a military officer. The discussion revolves around the issues on peace and order situation concerning Region VI, threats to PGMA's government and many others.

Up Close and Personal a telemagazine show now on its 3rd year is fortunate enough to have first-hand witness on the extraordinary lives of personalities such as Director Gualberto and Chief Supt. Reyes' fidelity on what he believes he should stand by and abide by, for the good of everyone. The producer of the show, Millicent Productions, Inc. wants to inspire its viewers specially the youth that there is always hope in our current country's crisis and that through the picturesque lives of the show's guest will bring enlightenment and touch souls by their examples. The hard work, patience, perseverance, and unselfish passion for the love of country brings forth the promise of a positive prospective in life.

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"Suitable candidate must have a minimum of five (5) years experience is setting up and maintaining network servers and must be totally familiar with program like Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Excel, Outlook Express, Small Business Server 2002, CadCam design packages and preference will be given to previous experience in numerically controlled machinery programs. The system currently in use is Small Business 2000+ with a large number of add on programs including Microsoft Project a must, SQL, Visual Basics 6, Visual Basic.Net, Crystal Report Writer and Data Widgets. The network is connected to approximately 36 personal computers within the office and engineering sectors.

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"It is necessary that the candidate is a qualified electrical fitter with a minimum of 5-10 years experience in the manufacture, fitting and wiring of type tested low voltage switchboard panels. Such panels include main distribution switchboards, power factor correction, motor control centers and final distribution panels. The selected candidates will supervise teams of mechanical and electrical fitters in the production and testing of low voltage switchboard panels.

Preference will be given to candidates who have previous supervision experience in this field."

**ELECTRICAL DESIGN ENGINEERS / PROJECT ENGINEERS / FACTORY MANAGER**

"Suitable candidates will have a minimum of 5-10 years experience in the design and engineering of low voltage electrical switchboard panels. Such panels include main distribution switchboards, power factor correction, motor control centers and final distribution panels. Candidates are to be familiar with IEC Standards, interpretation of client's specifications and be competent in producing single line diagrams, schematic wiring diagrams, termination details, equipment schedules and fault current calculations.

As a minimum the candidate will hold a Diploma in Electrical Engineering but preferably a Degree (Power Engineering)."

**PROGRAMMERS / DEVELOPERS**

The candidates shall have obtained a minimum of 5 years experience in programming and software development writing and as a minimum be aware of each of the following:

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- The ability to research and use information when needed to fill in the gaps of their experience.

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- Function Testing
- Interlock Sequence Testing
- Mega and Hi-Pot Testing

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Suitable candidate should have an experience in low voltage and medium voltage switchgear.

**Deadline of submission of Application is on September 12, 2005.**
**Interview will be conducted by an employer from Dubai, UAE on September 13, 2005.**

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Republic of the Philippines
**NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY**
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**INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF USED/SECOND HAND PROPERTIES**
**"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS**

The National Food Authority (NFA), Region V will conduct a public bidding of the following used/second hand properties:

| ITEM DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION | MINIMUM BID PRICE |
|---|---|
| One (1) lot Unserviceable 56 units simplex silos made of trapezoidal GI sheet materials complete with ancillary equipments consists of belt conveyors, steel catwalks, centrifugal fans and elevators located at NFA-Bicol Seeds, Libon, Albay. | P 498,840.00 |

Schedule of Bidding activities are as follows:

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|---|---|
| Submission of Letter of Intent | Aug. 29-Sept. 9, 2005 |
| Issuance of Bid documents | Aug. 29-Sept. 9, 2005 |
| Pre Bidding | Sept. 13, 2005 9:00 AM |
| Bidding Proper | Sept. 13, 2005 |
| Submission of Bid | 10:30 to 11:00 AM |
| Opening of Bids | 11:00 AM |

Venue for the Pre bidding and opening of Bids shall be at the Conference room, NFA Regional Office, Pier Site, Legazpi City.

Bid documents shall be issued only to interested bidders upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 to RBAC Secretariat not later than September 9, 2005.

Interested Bidders are advised to conduct actual inspection on the used/second hand properties, subject of the aforesaid bidding.

For further inquiries, interested bidders may call or contact the RBAC Secretariat at Tel. Nos. (052) 820-0018; (052) 480-7085; (052) 480-7933.

The NFA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formalities and accept only such bids, or award to the bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to the National Food Authority and/or government.

(Sgd.) **JOSE B. GUEVARA**
RBAC Chairman

(PDI–Aug. 25, 26 & 27, 2005)

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**DBP** Development Bank of the Philippines

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on September 7, 2005 10:00 a.m., 6th Floor, PSM Conference Room of the DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City for the following on CASH BASIS.

Four (4) parcels of adjoining commercial lots situated at the corners of Session Road, Perfecto and Cerantes Streets, Baguio City having an aggregate area of 842 sq.m. more or less with the following particulars:

| | Title | Area |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | TCT No. T-21710 | 10 sq.m. |
| 2. | TCT No. T-21711 | 446 sq.m. |
| 3. | TCT No. T-21712 | 89 sq.m. |
| 4. | TCT No. T-21713 | 297 sq.m. |

Minimum selling price is P109,460,000.00.

**BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:**

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the Property and Security Management (PSM), Property Disposal Committee **(Attention: AVP Seldo F. Ubungen)**, Ground Floor, DBP Head Office during office hours; and
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences.

**DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITIES THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.**

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers: 818-9511 loc. 3101 or 867-3247.

**PSM PROPERTY DISPOSAL COMMITTEE**

(PDI – Aug 26 & 27, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**
Ombudsman Building, Agham Road, North Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID**
**OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN SECURITY REQUIREMENT OF 56 SECURITY GUARDS FOR CY 2005-2006**

The **OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN**, through its Bids and Awards Committee, intends to apply the sum of **SIXTEEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P16,800,000.00)**, being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) from the Office 2005 Approved Budget to payments for the **Office of the Ombudsman Security Requirement of 56 Security Guards for CY 2005-2006**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN now invites sealed Bids from eligible bidders for **Office of the Ombudsman Security Requirement of 56 Security Guards for CY 2005-2006**. Delivery of the goods/services is required within the period as prescribed in the bidding documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding documents, **ITB**.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, **ITB**. The Bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below beginning **SEPTEMBER 16, 2005**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable bidding fee in the amount of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (P16,800.00)**.

The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidders or his authorized representative.

The OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN will hold a **PRE-BID CONFERENCE** open to all interested parties on **SEPTEMBER 15, 2005** at 9:30 a.m. at the following address: GSD Conference Room, 2/F Office of the Ombudsman Bldg., Agham road, North Triangle, Quezon City.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below at or before **SEPTEMBER 27, 2005** at 8:30 a.m. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of Cash, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check and in an amount of **FORTY TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P42,000.00)** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

**BID OPENING** shall be on **SEPTEMBER 27, 2005** at **9:00 a.m.** at the GSD Conference Room, 2/F Office of the Ombudsman Bldg., Agham Road, North Triangle, Quezon City. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

The OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

**ROBERT E. KALLOS**
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)
Office of the Ombudsman Bldg., Agham Road,
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(Sgd.) **ROBERT E. KALLOS**
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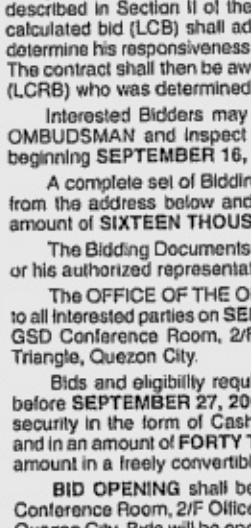
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) of the **Surigao City Sanitary Landfill** of the **CITY GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO CITY** to be located in Barangays Canlog and Silop of Surigao City.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed Surigao City Sanitary Landfill Project to attend a Public Hearing on September 17, 2005 at 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the City Function Room, 3rd Floor City Hall Compound, Surigao City.

This Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the aforementioned project by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources).

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in this Public Hearing should first register in person or by mail with the EMB at DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

Individual and/or organizations may give their opinion(s) in a concise position paper submitted to the EMB (Central Office and/or CARAGA Region) on or before two days before the date of the public hearing.

For more details, please contact the EIA Division of EMB through Ms. Jannish Sajol Almario or Engr. Debbie Ruth Liao at telephone numbers 920-2240 to 41.

(PDI – August 27, 2005)

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LCR FORM 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Misamis Oriental
Cagayan de Oro City

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section of 5 R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that MARICEL D. ABEJO has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from MARIA CECILIA TO MARICEL in the Certificate of Live Birth of MARIA CECILIA DELIGOS who was born on December 8, 1969 at MAYUGA, GUINDULMAN, BOHOL and whose parents are PASTOR DELIGOS and IRENEA GULAY.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition within this office not later than August 29, 2005.

(Sgd.) NORMA S. DIPUTADO
City Civil Registrar

(PDI – August 20 & 27, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DepED Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

## Invitation for Rebid

Loan No.: 1654 – PHI: Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP)
IFB No.: ADB-SEDIP-2005-TX

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepED) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It is intended to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contracts for the Supply and Delivery of Makabayan Textbooks (TXs) and Teacher's Manuals (TMs) for Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH) I-IV under SEDIP.
2. The Department of Education (DepED) through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Makabayan TXs and TMs in Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH) 1st–4th year to secondary schools under SEDIP, as follows:
   - 2.1 Lot 1: 249,198 copies of MAPEH I Textbooks and 3,899 copies of Teacher's Manuals
   - 2.2 Lot 2: 216,190 copies of MAPEH II Textbooks and 3,448 copies of Teacher's Manuals
   - 2.3 Lot 3: 181,802 copies of MAPEH III Textbooks and 2,973 copies of Teacher's Manuals
   - 2.4 Lot 4: 154,855 copies of MAPEH IV Textbooks and 2,612 copies of Teacher's Manuals

   Estimated Printing and Delivery Completion Period: 120 days
   Indicative Printing and Delivery Dates: May to August 2006
3. The mode of procurement shall be through International Shopping (IS). A bidder may opt to bid on any or all of the lots required.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information or inspect the Bidding Documents from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting **August 23, 2005** at the Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Pasig City, Philippines. Tel. Nos. (632) 636-6543/633-9343 or at Fax No. (632) 635-6542. Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or www.procurementservice.org.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon submission of a written application to the address given in paragraph 4 and payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of Php 3,000.00. The method of payment will be cash, cashier's check, manager's check, or certified check.
6. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid amount, in Philippine peso or in any freely convertible currency of eligible countries and shall be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before **10:00 a.m. on October 7, 2005** at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference shall be conducted on **September 12, 2005 at 10:00** a.m. at the same address indicated in paragraph 6.
8. The DepED reserves the right to accept and reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process at any time prior to award of Contract(s) without incurring any liability to the affected bidders and to waive any minor informality or non-conformity in a bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver will not prejudice or affect competitive ranking of any bid.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary and Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – August 20 & 27, 2005)

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National Power Corporation

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

NPC-PSD-2005-010

VARIOUS EQUIPMENT, SPARE PARTS, WORK ORDERS INTENDED FOR NPC MAJOR POWER PLANTS

1. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION, through its approved Corporate Budget of CY 2005 intends to apply the sum of (see schedule under 9) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract as listed below. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected/disqualified at Bid opening.
2. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for GOODS as listed below. Delivery of the GOODS are required by the date indicated in the bid documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Instruction to Bidders (ITB).
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria, as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", and is restricted to Filipino Citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights to privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to post qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who shall determine as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. However, issuance of Bidding Documents shall start on **August 31, 2005** from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. No Bid Documents will be issued on the date of bidding.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount as listed below. The method of payment will be cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on the dates as listed below at National Power Corporation's available function rooms.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before the dates as listed below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form of cash, certified check, cashiers check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit equivalent to one percent (1%) of the ABC; Bank guarantee equivalent to one and a half percent (1.5%) of the ABC; Surety bond equivalent to two and a half percent (2.5%) of the ABC; Foreign guarantee equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the ABC, or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. Bid opening shall be on the dates as listed below at National Power Corporation's available function rooms. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. ITEMS FOR BID

| SCHEDULE NUMBER | PR NUMBER | ITEM DESCRIPTION | APROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT | BID DOCS. PRICE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2005; 9:00 PM** | | | | |
| 10A1 | 1MCF-05-357 (JP) | J.O. - FOR REPAIR OF ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATOR (ESP) CONTROL SYSTEM | P 4,000,000.00 | P 2,000.00 |
| 10A2 | 1MCF-04-629 (JP) | BEARING SINGLE ROW, DEEP GROOVE | P 1,570,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| 10A3 | 1MCF-04-736 (JP) | SINGLE ROW CYLINDRICAL & DOUBLE ROW TAPERED ROLLER BEARINGS | P 5,100,000.00 | P 3,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2005; 2:00 PM** | | | | |
| 10B1 | APD-05-009 (NY) | J.O. - FOR HAULING & TRANSFER OF FUEL OIL (BUNKER C) FROM MTPP TO BCFTPP | P 2,184,044.24 | P 2,000.00 |
| 10B2 | OMR-04-059 (RA) | J.O. - FOR CASTING OF COLUMN SUPPORT & FLANGE OF LGPP HOTWELL PUMP | P 5,175,000.00 | P 3,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2005; 9:00 AM** | | | | |
| 10C1 | 2BCF-05-418 (EA) | DIESOLINE | P 2,030,000.00 | P 2,000.00 |
| 10C2 | 2BCF-05-429 (NY) | CASTING OF GRINDING SEGMENT ASSEMBLY, MATL; ASTM A532 | P 1,880,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| 10C3 | PB4-05-210 (NY) | J.O. - FOR RECONDITIONING OF BOLTED VISCOUS VIBRATION DAMPER | P 2,700,000.00 | P 2,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2005; 2:00 PM** | | | | |
| 10D1 | 5PGP1-05-228 (JP) | BATTERY MONITORING SYSTEM | P 1,095,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2005; 9:00 AM** | | | | |
| 10E1 | 3MGM-04-084 (JP) | VARIOUS PIPE EXPANSION JOINT, SUCTION & DISCHARGE | P 3,678,000.00 | P 2,000.00 |
| 10E2 | 3MGM-05-104 (JP) | J.O. - FOR MAINTENANCE OF AIRCON SYSTEM | P 2,000,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| 10E3 | 3MGT-05-146 (RP) | J.O. - IMPROVEMENT OF PLANT C EMISSION INCLUDING COMMISSIONING OF THE SYSTEM | P 5,095,777.50 | P 3,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2005; 2:00 PM** | | | | |
| 10F1 | 3BAC-05-332 (LS) | J.O. - FOR IMPROVEMENT OF AIRCON SYSTEM | P 1,500,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| 10F2 | 3TPM-05-134 (RP) | J.O. - FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL OVERHEAD GROUND WIRES | P 6,500,000.00 | P 3,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005; 9:00 AM** | | | | |
| 10G1 | 1MAG-05-061 (LS) | BATTERY, NICKEL CADMIUM | P 5,500,000.00 | P 3,000.00 |
| 10G2 | 1PAN-05-262 (LS) | J.O. - FOR RETUBING OF GENERATOR AIRCOOLERS | P 1,300,000.00 | P 1,000.00 |
| **DATE OF BIDDING: OCTOBER 3, 2005; 2:00 PM** | | | | |
| 10H1 | 5LGP-05-153 (JP) | AIR COMPRESSOR | P 9,850,000.00 | P 3,000.00 |
| 10H2 | 5LGP-05-147 (JP) | TURBINE BLADES, 2ND STAGE | P12,000,000.00 | P 4,000.00 |
| 10H3 | 5LGP-05-169 (JP) | REDUCER, GEAR ASSEMBLY | P 4,600,000.00 | P 2,000.00 |

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held at any available NPC Function Room for the following bidding schedules on:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10B1-10B2 | September 12, 2005; 2:00 PM | 10F1-10F2 | September 14, 2005; 2:00 PM |
| 10C2-10C3 | September 13, 2005; 9:00 AM | 10G1-10G2 | September 15, 2005; 9:00 AM |
| 10D1 | September 13, 2005; 2:00 PM | 10H1-10H3 | September 19, 2005; 2:00 PM |
| 10E1-10E3 | September 14, 2005; 9:00 AM | | |

10. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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Notice is hereby given that OWWA-Medicare Land Bank continuous form checks with Serial nos. 319251 to 320000 are missing. Any transactions involving these checks will not be honored by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA).

**MARIANITO D. ROQUE**
Administrator

(PDI – August 23, 27 & 31, 2005)

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## Manila Dragons works for the environment

THE MANILA Dragons Dragonboat Rowing Team (MDDRT) recently organized a clean-up drive at the Manila Bay area on Aug. 6. It was the second in a series of cleanups initiated by MDDRT since November 2004 to promote environmental consciousness as well as the sport of dragonboat rowing. It also aims to help the Philippine Dragonboat Federation (PDBF), the governing body of dragonboat sports, in improving its docking area.

Rowers from the different dragonboat rowing teams and other volunteers participated in the said event which was supported by the Manila Yacht Club, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and the Philippine Navy. Interested parties who would like to join the next clean-up drive may call Raul Bumanglag (0918-9124054), Jong Valientes (0917-8172071), or Greg Doronila (0922-8109457) for more details.

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## *Rice import arrivals reported at 76 percent accomplishment*

MORE than 1.3 million metric tons of rice contracted by the government through the National Food Authority have arrived the various disports in the country. This was reported by NFA administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr., citing an accomplishment of 76 percent in actual arrivals as the country has slated to import a total of 1.742 million metric tons (MMT) this year. The balance of more than 455,800 MT is due to arrive until September this year. Tan said the imports come from Vietnam, Pakistan and Thailand. The imports will beef-up government stocks especially at this time of lean production in most parts of the country. Several biddings had been held by the agency for interested supplies of the rice which is of good quality at 15 percent and 25 percent brokens. This month, a total of more than 314,000 MT are due to arrive in the designated disports. Discharging operations will resume after suspension for several days due to the rains, he added. Tan assured that the country's rice supply remain stable with the arrival of the imports which have been programmed for distribution especially in the deficit and non-production areas. The imports will substantially contribute to supply stability at this time when the country is visited by about 18 to 22 typhoons which destroy agricultural crops in many provinces.

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Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Metro Manila Development Authority
**PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION**

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

*Project : Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR),*
*Loan No.: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI*
*Description of Works: Construction and Development of a. Linear Park along Brgy. Barangka Ilaya in Mandaluyong. City*

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for Brgy. Barangka Ilaya Linear Park (Contract No. EPA-LPP-30).
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:
   - Contract Package : Construction and Development of a Linear Park
   - Contract No. : EPA-LPP-30
   - Area : 5,420 sq.m.
   - Location : Brgy. Barangka Ilaya, Mandaluyong City
   - Contract Duration : 180 calendar days
   - Project Description : Construction and development of a linear park / promenade which includes the following items of work: amphitheater, basketball court, fence, revetment, plant box, steelworks, entrance gate, covered bleachers, trellis, multipurpose shed, gazebo, electrical works, plumbing works, play equipment and landscaping.
3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

| Activity | Date | Time | Venue | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 11,500.00 | From 05-09 Sept | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | PRRC 2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105 | Eligibility Checklist is free of charge |
| Securing of Additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents | From 05-09 Sept | 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. | | For those who secured only the Eligibility Checklist |
| a. Pre-Bid Conference | 23 Sept. | 9 a.m. | | |
| b. Site Inspection | 23 Sept. | 1 p.m. | Brgy. Barangka Ilaya, Mandaluyong City | Right after Pre-Bid Conference |
| Deadline for submission of Bids | 10 October | 10 a.m. | PPRC (same address) | Late bids (bids submitted after 10 a.m.) shall not be accepted |
| Opening of Bids | 10 October | 10:30 a.m | | Bids shall be opened in the presence of the Bidders |

4. The City of Mandaluyong shall be the implementing agency of the Contract.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check / Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the "*Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers*" pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 and ADB Guidelines for the Procurement of Civil Works as standardized under the harmonized ADB-GOP Procurement of Works guidelines.
6. PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Bingle H. B. Gutierrez
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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 10
Series of 2005

TO : ALL CONCERNED
SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FORM "FEES AND SALARY DECLARATION FOR TAIWAN BOUND WORKERS"

Pursuant to the Administration's deregulation thrust and continuing program to simplify and streamline the procedures on the documentation of overseas Filipino workers, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for the preparation of the Fees and Salary Declaration of Taiwan-bound workers which is presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) as a requirement for the issuance of the worker's visa.

I. GENERAL POLICY
1. All workers bound for Taiwan and their deploying agencies shall sign the required form "Fees and Salary Declaration of Taiwan Bound Workers" in person during the orientation to be conducted by the private sector. A copy of the declaration form stamped by POEA is presented to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) as a requirement for the issuance of visa.
2. Existing PDOS providers conducting country-specific PDOS for Taiwan are eligible to conduct the orientation on fees and salaries of Taiwan-bound workers at no cost to the worker.
3. POEA and the private sector shall cooperate in developing and applying an accurate and relevant orientation module and in monitoring the conduct of the orientation.
4. The orientation provider shall maintain a database of workers who have undergone the orientation which shall be electronically accessible by POEA for validation purposes.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POEA STAMPING OF THE FORM "FEES AND SALARY DECLARATION OF TAIWAN BOUND WORKERS:

The recruitment agency of the worker shall submit to the POEA Landbased Employment Center the following documents:
1. The form "Fees and salary declaration" duly accomplished and signed by the worker and the agency
2. Worker's certificate of attendance in the orientation

POEA shall evaluate the documents, stamp the forms, return a copy to the agency and retain a copy for file. The POEA shall regularly analyze the information contained in the forms as input to policy recommendations. Agencies submitting false information in relation to the Form shall be dealt with in accordance with the POEA Rules and Regulations.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are repealed/modified accordingly. This Circular takes effect immediately.

For strict compliance.

(Sgd.) ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ
Administrator

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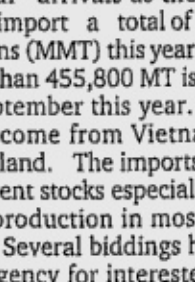

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# BUSINESS

## BSP expected to increase interest rates

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is said to be having difficulty in fending off monetary tightening because of rising interest rates in the United States and continuing high inflation rate.

The BSP's Monetary Board voted to keep its overnight rates steady for the fourth consecutive month during the policy-rate setting on Thursday. But some economists believe the institution may not be able to hold on to the same figures for long.

"It may be difficult for the BSP to hold its key rate steady given the US Fed (Federal Reserve)'s continued hike in benchmark interest rate to between 4 percent and 4.25 percent by yearend," said Emma Pante, an economist at Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

Helping the BSP in keeping its rates steady are the healthy levels of hot money and the remittances of overseas Filipino workers, Pante said.

"But still the oil price threat remains," she added. "As the nation's oil import bill rise, the peso will remain under pressure. The BSP may have to preempt speculative attacks on the currency by seeing to it that excess liquidity does not become an additional contributing factor to inflation."

# Mining, agri yields to boost GDP

**MINING BY CANDLELIGHT**
**A candle lights the way for a miner digging for gold in Mount de Oro, Comval Province. The Philippines may still attain its GDP growth target with the entry of mining investments and expected gains in agriculture.** RYAN LIM

By Michelle V. Remo

THE ECONOMY can still achieve the growth target of 5.3 percent this year as the expected pick-up in output by the agriculture sector and the entry of mining investments may offset the ill effects of high oil prices on the economy, the National Economic and Development Authority said.

The agriculture sector, whose second quarter growth of 1.8-percent already took into account the impact of the El Niño weather disturbance, is expected to post a higher growth rate of 4.7 percent in the second half with improved weather condition, said Augusto Santos, Neda director general.

"Agriculture should produce a powerful base effect, especially in the fourth quarter," Santos said in a statement.

Agriculture accounts for about a fifth of the economy's total output and employs a third of the country's workforce.

Santos also pointed at the mining sector, the liberalization of which is seen to attract additional foreign investments in the second half.

He reported that as of June this year, 23 new mining projects worth $339.7 million had already been poured in since the issuance last year of a Supreme Court ruling opening up the mining sector to foreign investments.

The country's chief economic planner said the Philippines needed to record a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of between 5.8 and 6 percent in the second half of the year to attain the 5.3-percent GDP growth target for 2005.

GDP is the sum of all goods and services produced by an economy in a given period.

Doubts on the economy's ability to meet its GDP growth target for the year were raised after a slowdown was noted in the first quarter. During the period, the economy grew by 4.6 percent, dropping off from the 6.4 percent of the previous year.

The unexpected sharp increases in oil prices further raised concerns on the country's ability to meet its economic growth target for the year. The Philippines, which imports about 95 percent of its crude oil requirements, has been reeling from unabated oil price hikes in the international market.

Santos said industry and services sectors were also likely to grow by 4.8 and 6.6 percent, respectively, in the second half.

## Metro Pacific seeks control of Skyway project

By Clarissa S. Batino

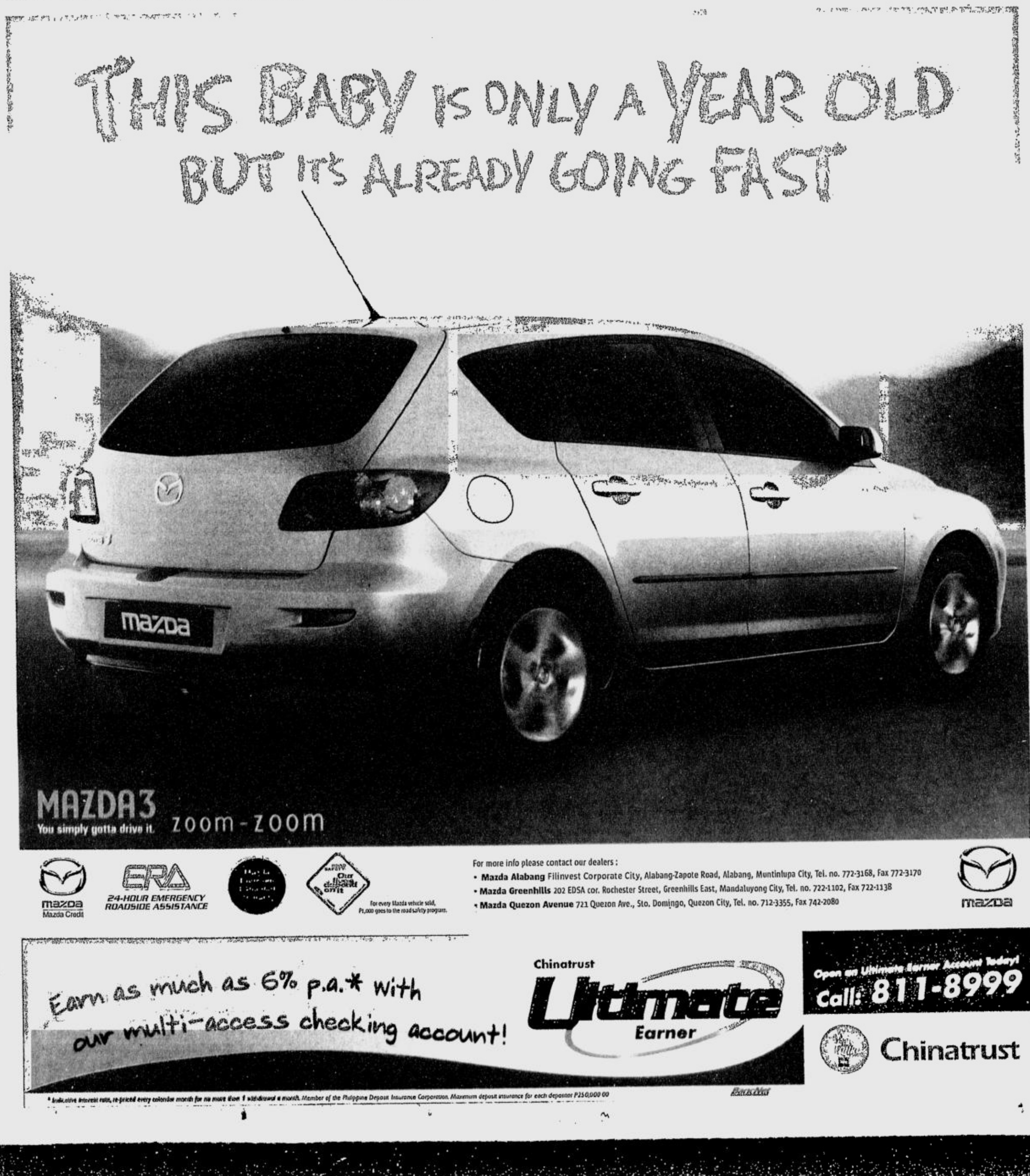
METRO Pacific Corp. wants a bigger stake in, if not full control of, the Skyway project, hoping to turn around the finances of the ailing highway venture under the control of Indonesian investors, the company's top official said.

Jose Ma. Lim, company president, said Metro Pacific made an offer early this year to restructure Skyway's finances, including the loans it had incurred and which had gone sour, in exchange for a bigger stake in the project.

"I am not sure if our offer, if accepted, would give us majority [control], but definitely we will be more than 10 percent," Lim said.

The Skyway is a 9.3-kilometer elevated highway running from Magallanes to Bicutan. It is owned by Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp., a joint venture of Indonesian firm P.T. Citra Lamtoro Gung Persada and the state-owned Philippine National Construction Corp.

Metro Pacific owns 10 percent of Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp. through Metro Strategic Infrastructure Holdings Inc.

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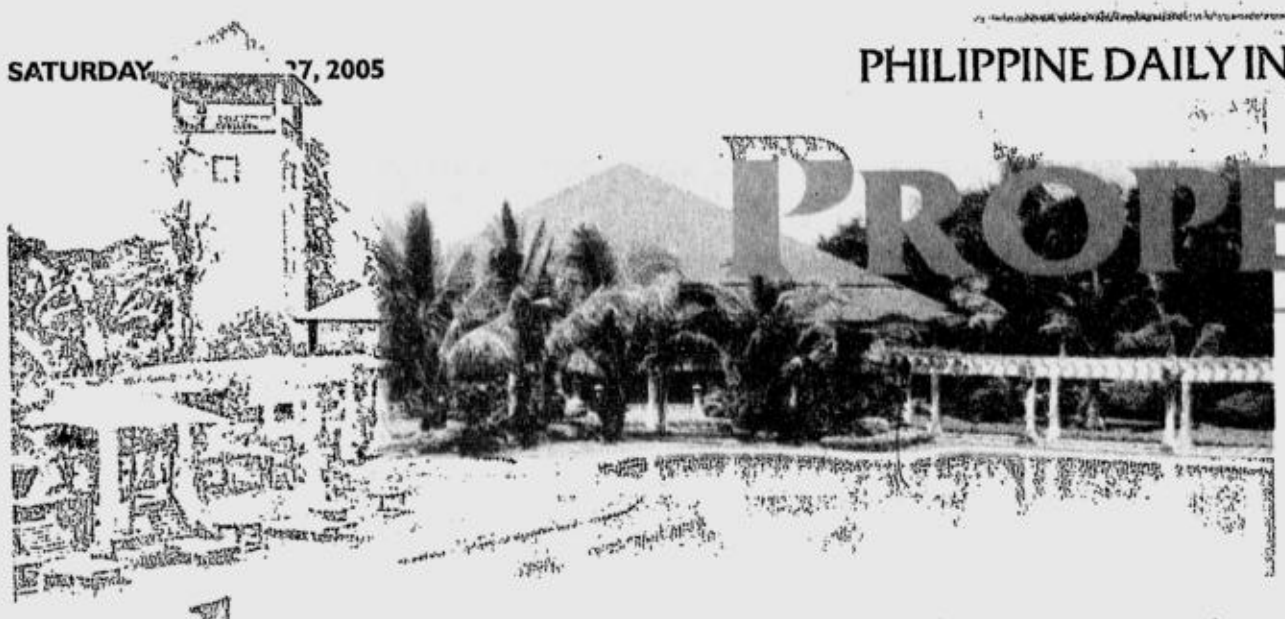


# A dream realized with Sta. Elena

EVEN with its close proximity to the city, Sta. Elena is a world away in terms of ambiance and surroundings.

By Charles E. Buban

WHAT started out as a plan for two avid golfers to build a world-class course turned out to be not just the multiawarded Sta. Elena Golf and Country Club but two luxurious residential enclaves emerging within this 260-hectare property, the Sta. Elena Village Banahaw and Sta. Elena Village Sierra Madre.

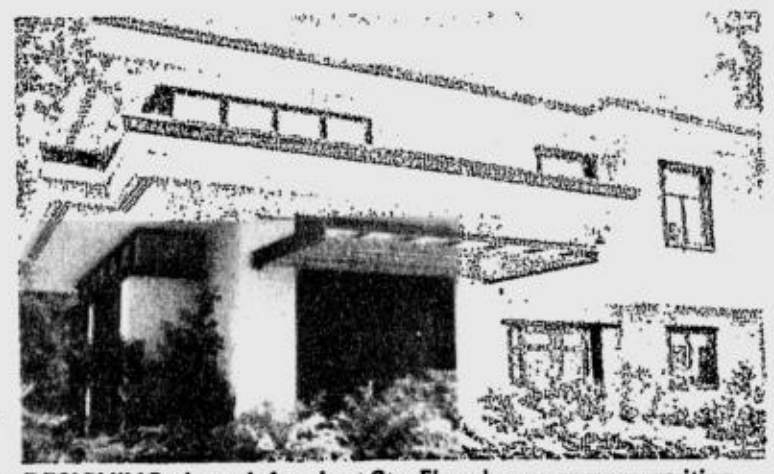
In realizing the dream of both Jose Alberto Yulo Quiros and Bienvenido Tantoco Jr., they turned to masterplanner Felino Palafox Jr., golf course designer Robert Trent Jones Jr. and architectural firm ET Cañiza and Associates.

"The original plan in 1989 was just the golf course. As discussions went underway, the plan developed into incorporating residential enclaves in and around the golf course," reveals Sta. Elena marketing manager Mykie Vargas.

## Not enough

Vargas adds that for the owners and their partners it would not be enough to just offer one of the world's best golf courses (the 27-hole Sta. Elena Golf Course was voted the country's best in 2002 by Asian Golf Monthly) and an Audubon-certified nature sanctuary of lush forests and rich flora and fauna.

"Over the past few years, Sta. Elena has been successful in offering one of the finest courses in the country. However, providing a multiawarded course is just one element as Sta. Elena is not just for golfers but for families who loves nature and country-style living," says Vargas.



DESIGNING a home's façade at Sta. Elena becomes more exciting and interesting since the garage, service entrance and other utility obstruction are located at the back of the property.

With the Banahaw and Sierra Madre, Sta. Elena can now fulfill its various clients' aspiration of living in a stunningly beautiful place that respects nature and nurtures family bonding," says Vargas.

## 13-hectare 'island'

Sta. Elena Village Banahaw is a 13-hectare "island" since it's completely surrounded by the Banahaw fairways of the golf course.

Palafox & Associates principal founder and managing partner Felino Palafox Jr. describes that the Banahaw (as well as the Sierra Madre) has been designed so that everything is interconnected—both physically and visually—from the windows to the front of homes, from the sidewalks to the main roads, from the garage to the back alleys, and from the house to the backyard of forests and fairways.

He also adds that using one's vehicle will only be a third choice as one can walk or bike when meeting friends in the neighborhood or when one has to go to other parts of the property.

"The villages will only accommodate few slots as there will only be 100 lots available for the Banahaw with sizes ranging from 600 to 1,000 square meters. The single-detached family homes will be priced from P6 million to P13 million," describes Vargas of the exclusive community that is now 80 percent sold.

## Second community

The second community is the 11-hectare development located on the western fringe of

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# Climate change and green architecture

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*Amado de Jesus*

DO you know the difference between greenhouse effect, global warming and climate change? Greenhouse effect is the cause of global warming and climate change. It is the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, trapping heat from the sun.

The greenhouse effect builds up heat in the Earth's atmosphere. Global climate adjusts to deal with the heat buildup, and this results in global warming and climate change.

Some scientists put global warming rate at 0.2°C per decade. The world they say has not warmed as fast as in the past 30 years. Arctic lakes kept watertight by permafrost are experiencing cracks in the ice. Sea level rise is expected as a result. It has been noted recently that some types of flora are growing higher and higher up the Swiss Alps. In many parts of the world, intense drought, storms and floods attest to climate change.

## Global climate change

The excessive burning of organic carbon stores that have been underground for the past million years causes climate change. When carbon dioxide and other gases are released they destabilize the Earth's climate system. This phenomenon is known as the greenhouse effect.

The carbon that is released into the atmosphere—primarily from fuels burned to run cars, trucks, heat and cool homes and offices—is the main reason for the increased carbon dioxide.. Some experts blame most of the warming on pollution from power stations than from road traffic.

## What is being done?

Several countries are now shifting from fossil fuel to renewable sources of energy. They are working to develop new ways to improve efficiency and cut the costs of power production from wind, solar, biomass and bio-fuels.

Unfortunately, only two percent of the world's energy needs are covered by today's renewables. High costs prevent their widespread use and acceptance. This means that the world has little time to develop cleaner alternatives to oil and other fossil fuels, before the price of oil increases again.

Based on international estimate, oil will expire in about 50 years and natural gas in about 40 years. Coal is expected to expire well before 2100. It could take many years of research to make fuel substitutes affordable to the point where they can be widely used.

There is a radical concept developed by some sectors. It involves scrapping of oil subsidies and creating a fund to help countries develop alternative energies. They say that this will make our world more stable and will make energy more affordable while reducing pollution and easing international pressures. The strategy would save money and create jobs at the same time.

Some countries like New Zealand give tax disincentives to big industries with a number of tons carbon dioxide emission per year.

Environmental organizations, governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are continually developing internationally accepted greenhouse gas accounting and reporting standards. These standards are used to build an effective strategy to manage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## Green architecture critical

During the last World Environment Day held in June, city mayors from five continents met in San Francisco to sign an "urban environmental accord" covering energy, waste reduction, urban design and other goals.

American cities, several states and even large corporations are demanding from the national government that emissions from power plants be restricted.

The built environment is climate-dominated. This means that the building envelope, including walls, doors, windows, roof and even foundations, influence to a large extent the amount of energy it takes to heat or cool a building.

## More advanced innovations

Green buildings or developments are characterized by reduced energy use and energy conservation features. With green design a reduction of energy consumption by 50 percent or more is possible.

More advanced technological and design innovations are also being encouraged to transform the way buildings are constructed to ensure energy efficiency and conservation.

The German government for example, is pursuing a mandated solar energy program to encourage the development of a new breed of buildings. They are aiming to make zero-emission houses that function without fossil fuel energy supply.

Cities are the biggest consumers of energy. These communities are also major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.

In the final analysis, we need to focus on green architecture principles to help us analyze how we design, build and manage our buildings and cities if we are to improve the quality of our lives and protect our environment. We have to act now. Time is running out.

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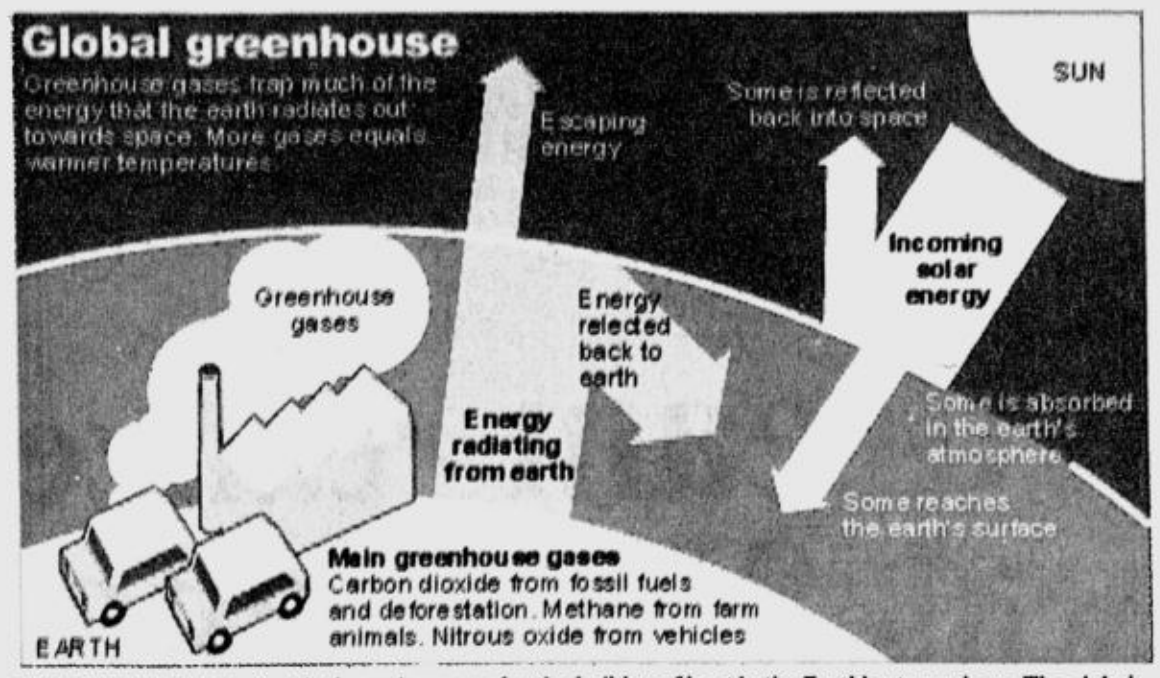


**THE GREENHOUSE** effect is the main reason for the buildup of heat in the Earth's atmosphere. The global climate reacts to this heat buildup and this brings about global warming and climate change. THE GUARDIAN

CREBA-HUDCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Linking Philippine property's best to the world

THE 2005 NATIONAL convention of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations (Creba) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) will focus on the country's investment climate and opportunities for international financing for property and tourism development in the Philippines.

Efren "Choy" Alas, overall convention chair and president of the Creba Social Housing Foundation Inc., said the convention with the theme "Creba-HUDCC: Linking the Best in Philippine Property and Tourism to the World" will be held on Oct. 12-14 at the Tagaytay Highlands, Tagaytay City. Filipino and foreign experts will explore the various aspects of the convention topics, said Alas who is also the Creba vice president for chapter affairs.

Dr. Jaime A. Cura, Creba national president, and HUDCC vice chair Amado S. Bagatsing will formally open the convention on Oct. 13. Cavite Gov. Erineo S. Maliksi and Tagaytay City Mayor Abraham N. Tolentino will welcome the delegates. Alas will give an overview of the national gathering while Avelina P. Acuña, 2004 convention overall chair, will report on the accomplishments of last year's convention.

## First time

The holding of the national convention at the venue marks the first time for Tagaytay Highlands, an exclusive membership recreation and residential golf community, to allow a national industry organization to use its conference auditorium and all other facilities and amenities. The Highlands sitting on Tagaytay City hills, overlooks the imposing Mount Makiling to the east, the placid Taal Volcano Lake to the south, and the serene Laguna de Bay to the west.

Creba is an umbrella organization of some 3,500 players in the country's housing and real estate industry with 29 chapters nationwide, and affiliates abroad, especially in the United States. Organized in the early 1960s, its main objective is to unite the various sectors of the industry and provide a single vision toward national development in partnership with government.

## Investment climate

Expected to discuss the country's investment climate for property and tourism development are Raymundo A. Yu Jr., chair, Asia-Pacific region, Merrill Lynch & Co.; Nelson G. Collantes, general manager, Philippine Retirement Authority; and Robert Dean Barbers, GM, Philippine Tourism Authority.

"Development Opportunities in Key Philippine Cities" will be taken up by Dr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel, chair, Concep Inc.; Gemma Cruz-Araneta, president, Heritage Society of the Philippines; and Tom C. Zita Jr., president, Kuok Philippines Group of Companies.

"Accessing International Financing for Property and Tourism Development" will be the concern of Loida Nicolas-Lewis, chair and CEO, TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc.; Raju Shahani, president, RCI Asia Pacific Pte Ltd.; lawyer Romero RS. Quimbo, president, Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-Ibig Fund); Prof. Walter Jamieson, Asian Institute of Technology.

Warren H. Gross, managing director and president, Export Finance Assistance Center, Washington D.C., and Mike Marave, vice president and manager, International Operations, Pacific Bank, will discuss their respective banks' financing of the importation of construction equipment and materials for real estate development.

Dr. Brian Roberts, director, Centre for Developing Cities, University of Canberra, Australia, and Martin Tornberg, structured finance specialist, PSOD/PSOP, Asian Development Bank, will talk on innovative financing approaches.

To deliver inspirational talks are Sen. Ramon B. Revilla Jr. as well as Representatives Jesus Crispin C. Remulla (3rd district, Cavite) and Jose Emilio Abaya (1st district, Cavite).

**FITTING HOME FOR MANANSALA MASTERPIECE**
Rockwell Land Corp.'s latest opus, The Manansala, a twin-tower development at the East block of Rockwell Center is home to "A Reproduction of Fish" (1966), a 22 x 35 oil painting on canvas by maestro Vicente S. Manansala. As a proponent of Philippine Modern Art, the maestro tried to move beyond the surface of things to create visions of reality that teetered on the brink of abstraction. The work of art comes from the collection of Oscar M. Lopez and his wife. It is now the centerpiece of the Asian-inspired grand lobby of The Manansala at Rockwell.

# *CPAC Monier concrete roof tiles bag 3 industry awards*

MARKET leader CPAC Monier concrete roof tiles is winning not only the hearts and minds of homeowners, architects and developers in the Philippines but also the recognition of industry watchdogs as evidenced by the honors bestowed on CPAC Monier by various award-giving bodies recently.

CPAC Monier Philippines Inc. (CMPI) marketing and sales manager Arnel Nacor said the awards are solid testaments to the high consumer acceptance and world-class quality of CPAC Monier concrete roof tiles, which currently enjoys a 64 percent market share in the Philippines.

## 3 industry awards

Nacor said CPAC Monier has been named the "2004 No. 1 concrete roof tile" during the first National Shoppers Choice Awards, where the criteria for selection included company reputation, product quality, brand recognition and consumer services.

The 2004 Philippine Marketing Excellence Awards likewise bestowed on CPAC Monier the "2004 Most Outstanding Roof Tile" honors for undertaking the best practices leading toward market dominance, goodwill and high-level customer confidence and market acceptability during ceremonies held recently at the Westin Philippine Plaza hotel.

Lastly, CPAC Monier was named "2004 No. 1 Concrete Roof Tile" during the first Philippine Builders Excellence Awards by the Awards and Recognition Association of the Philippines at the Club Filipino in Greenhills, San Juan earlier this year.

## Favored roofing materials

"We at CMPI are of course very proud to have been recognized by our industry peers. These awards would further inspire us to continue providing the Filipino consumers with the highest quality and world-class products they truly deserve," Nacor said.

Nacor said CPAC Monier concrete roof tiles have become the favored roofing materials not only by the country's biggest developers but by designers and homeowners as well because they are more cost-effective and are backed up by reliable technical and costumer support systems.

"We became the market's supplier of choice because of the people's favorable experience with our product offerings and this has been propagated in the market by word of mouth," Nacor said. "We take it as our responsibility to anticipate and meet our customers' needs by providing total roofing solutions, not just roofing materials."

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CMPI is a joint-venture company between two world leaders in building materials, Lafarge of France and the Siam Cement Group of Thailand. It manufactures millions of concrete roof tiles annually in its state of the art production plant in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

# A dream realized with Sta. Elena

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the Sierra Madre fairways.

"Like the much bigger Banahaw, Sierra Madre is also a low density community comprised of only 150 lots of single-detached family homes with sizes ranging from 350 to 500 sq m. The lots are priced between P3 million and P6 million," reports Vargas.

Opened only in April, Vargas reveals that the Sierra Madre is now 15 percent sold.

## Location

Vargas cites that location is among the considerations that led families to buy property at Sta. Elena Villages.

"The place is only 30 minutes away from Alabang and about 40 minutes if one works in Makati City. Also from Sta. Elena, schools such as De La Salle University-Canlubang, St. Scholastica's College and Don Bosco School at the Westgrove and the Brent School are just a short drive away," reveals Vargas.

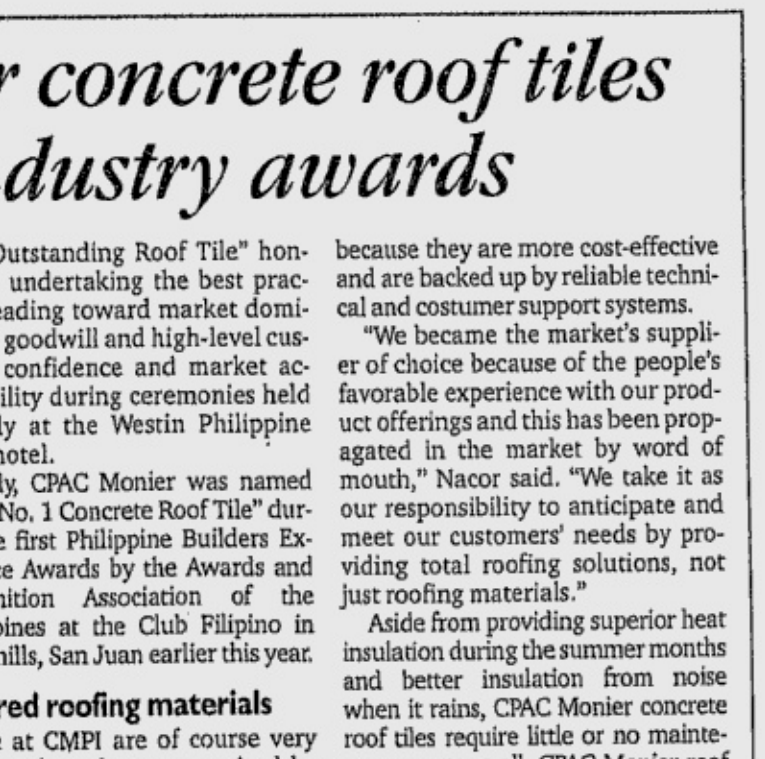
Sta. Elena's location also makes Tagaytay City and even Nasugbu in Batangas a short drive away.

When fully developed, the whole Sta. Elena property would have offices, leisure and recreation centers, restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, churches and clinics, according to Vargas.

## Existing attractions

Among the existing attractions inside Sta. Elena is the Fun Farm, which is one of the crowd drawers allowing homeowners and visitors to be up close and personal with mother nature.

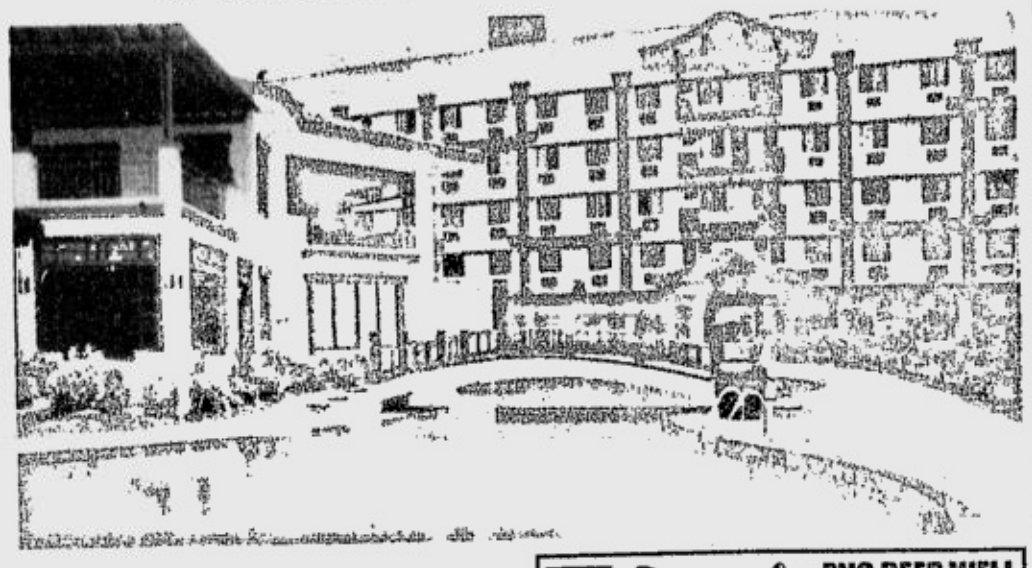
"One can experience the best of urban living amid a natural setting with Sta. Elena's world-class facilities and high-end amenities," promises Vargas.




'A DAY at the Fun Farm in Sta. Elena provides an alternative to hanging out at the mall.

**MAYFIELD PARK RESIDENCES**

D.M. Consunji Inc. recently completed the construction of the Daroma Building, the second among five residential condominiums set to be built at Mayfield Park Residences in Pasig. Now ready for turnover to unit owners, the five-story building, situated beside the community clubhouse and facing the pool, has an elevator, indoor atrium and garden, single-loaded corridors and an underground parking area. Mayfield Park is another development project of DMCI Homes integrating the features and amenities of a resort into in-city, condo living. It is Asian in design focusing on bringing about the Zen philosophy of serenity and harmony with nature. For more information, contact 888-3333 or visit www.dmcihomes.com.



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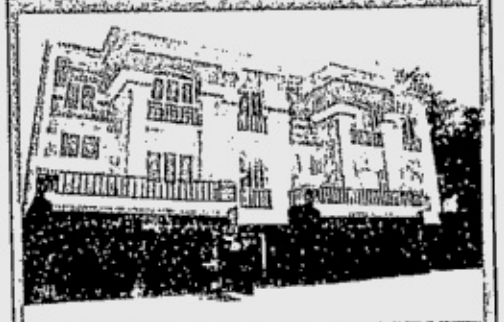

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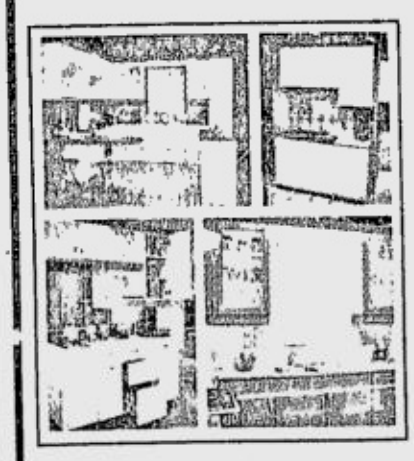

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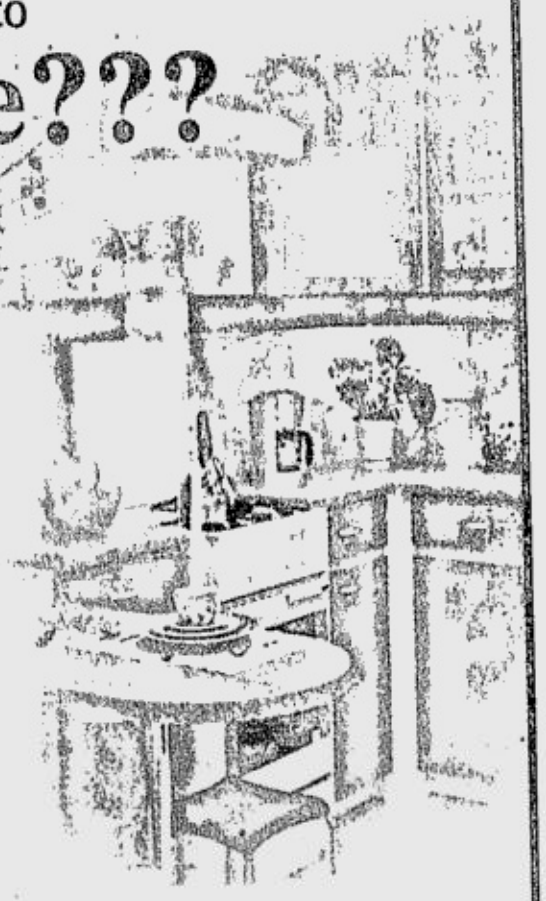

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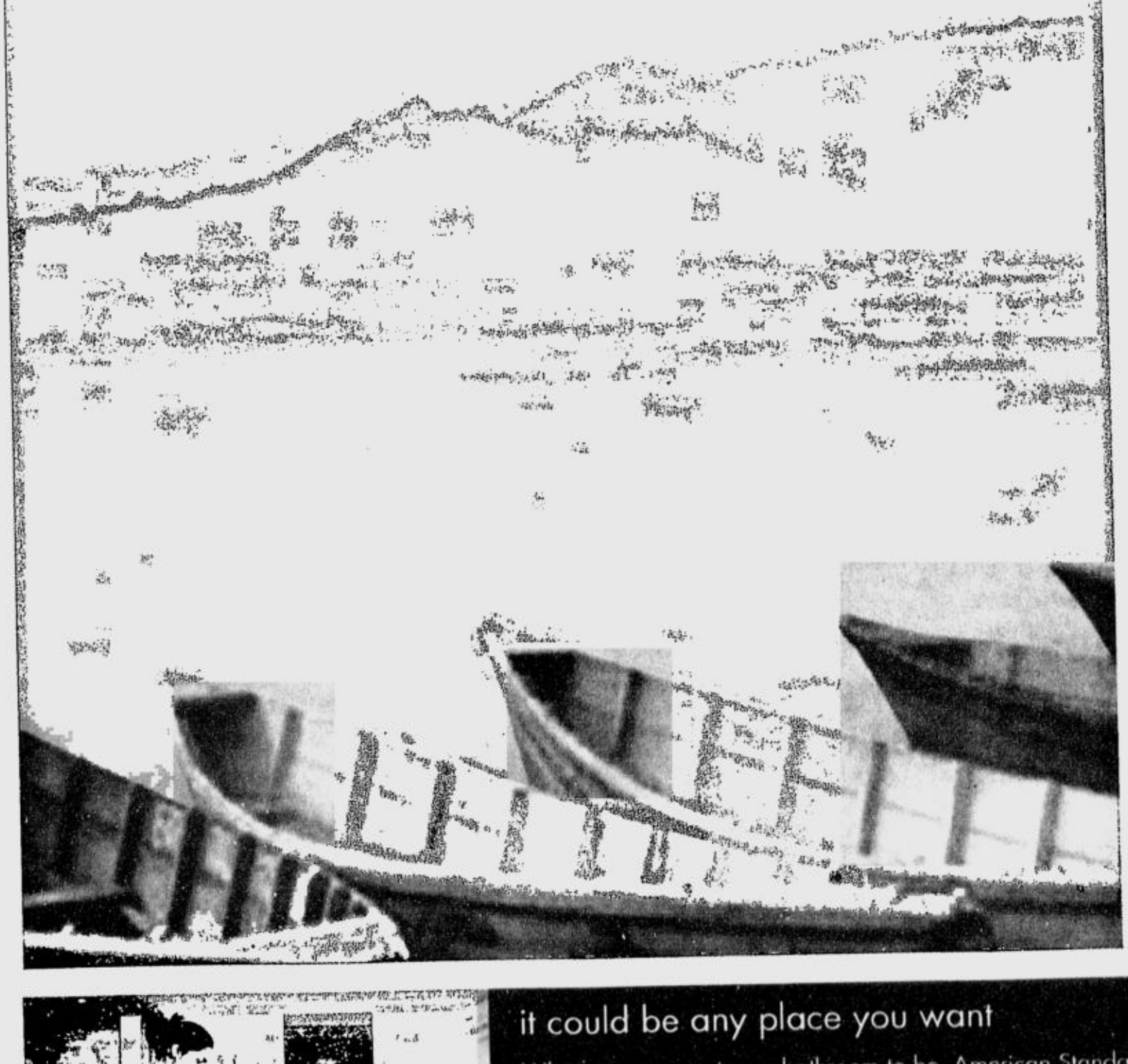

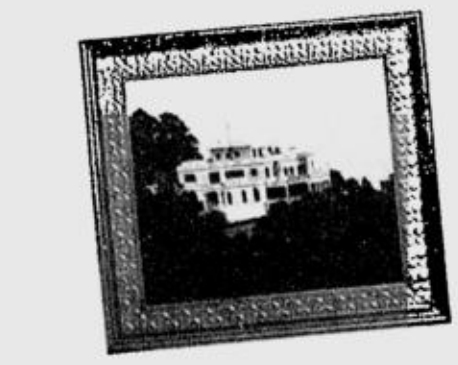

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# Greensboro: Quality education close to home

EMPIRE East Suntrust goes the extra mile in addressing the priorities of homeowners. At Greensboro, the newest residential phase of Governor's Hills in Gen. Trias, Cavite, the energy-saving home developer brings quality education closer to home. Here, not only will residents come home to comfort, convenience and an excellent location, they will also have the privilege of sending their children to an exclusive school right in their own community.

The Governor's Hills Science School, which will initially enroll preschool and Grade 1 students, is rising at a brisk pace at the project site. Its structure is complete, with finishing works remaining. The school, through a curriculum oriented toward mathematics and science, assures Greensboro homeowners of a high standard of learning for their children.

By locating the school a stone's throw away from the homes in the community, Empire East Suntrust makes good on its promise to create better, richer lifestyles for its residents. An upcoming internal road network will also bring added convenience to students going to and from school.

## Spaciously designed homes

On top of making Greensboro the beneficiary of an outstanding learning culture, Empire East Suntrust envisions it as a complete enclave within Governor's Hills. Though Greensboro is not the first phase of Governor's Hills, it sets itself apart by offering a new series of spaciously designed homes: duplex and single-detached homes called Ashley and Chelsea, respectively.

Ashley is a two-story, two-bedroom home with a floor area of 62 square meters and a lot area of 77 sq m. Chelsea I is a two-story, four-bedroom home with a floor area of 123 sq m and a lot area of 154 sq m. Meanwhile, Chelsea II is a two-story, four-bedroom home with a cathedral ceiling and a floor area of 115.5 sq m and a lot area of 154 sq m. The Ashley and Chelsea II model homes are now open for viewing at the project site.

An elegantly designed landscaped park dubbed Hampstead Gardens, a 1,078-sq-m play area that features lush greenery, jogging paths, wooden benches and a central water fountain, are exclusive to Greensboro residents. These are on top of Governor's Hills' play amenities including a gazebo and basketball court and an upcoming swimming pool and 24.2-hectare commercial center.

Greensboro offers a vantage location close to a host of industrial parks such as Gateway Business Park, Cavite Economic Zone and First Cavite Industrial Estate and the manufacturing plants of Royal Tern Ceramics, Monterey Foods Corp. and Indocoil Phils.

**GLOBAL CITY'S FIRST 'ALL-LOFT' CONDO**
**Robinsons Land Corp. High Rise Building's Division general manager Danilo E. Ignacio, third from left, recently paid a courtesy call on Taguig City Mayor Sigfrido R. Tinga, center, and Vice Mayor George A. Elias to present its latest development, Mckinley Park Residences (MPR) which is located at the Bonifacio Global City. The 43-story MPR is the first "all-loft" residential condominium development in one of the country's fastest growing business capital and residential district.**

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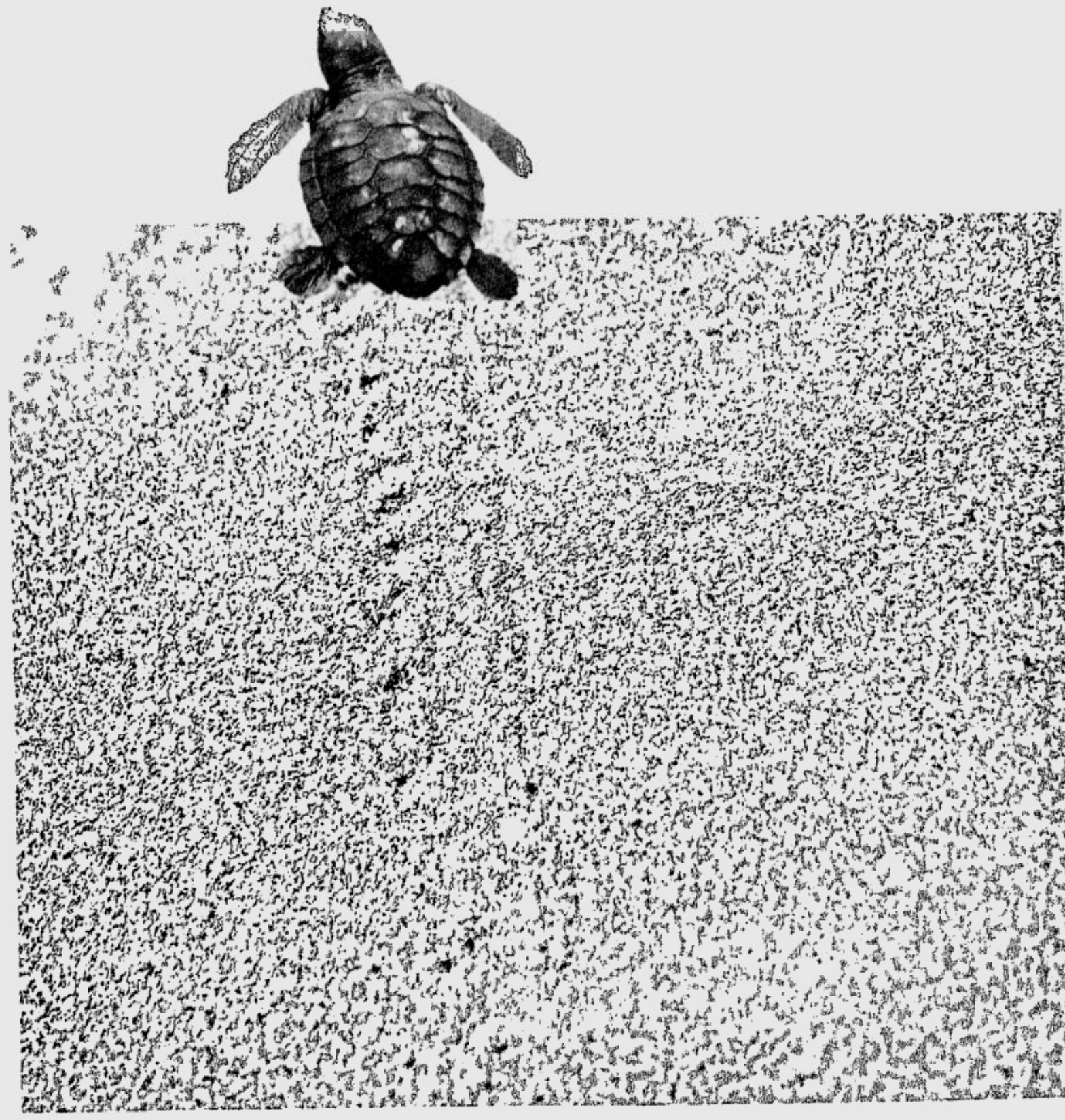

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# Call centers push office rent up

By Tessa R. Salazar

WITH NO new buildings currently coming up, the lack of new office spaces available together with the continued demand from call center businesses has pushed prime office rental rates upward by 4 percent quarter on quarter to an average of P514 per square meter per month at the end of second quarter of 2005.

This was indicated in the Colliers International Asia-Pacific Office Market Overview's quarterly regional research released in July 2005. The research also indicates that rents would rise by 15 percent year-on-year over the next 12 months.

## Looking for other sites

Colliers added that in light of rising rents and narrowing accommodation options in the central business districts (CBDs), call centers are now securing build-to-suit alternatives, or are looking for other locations.

Its forecast locations that should figure prominently in the near future are Ortigas, Fort Bonifacio, Alabang, the Bay Area reclamation and the Edsa corridor.

Colliers indicated that the total stock of the office space in Makati CBD increased slightly to 2.63 million sq m due to the completion of the 15,800-sq-m People Support Center in the second quarter of 2005.

It cited that with the exception of Convergys, which is an outsourcing firm with six contact centers in Metro Manila and one in Cebu, the build-to-suit project entailing 14,300 sq m, there would be no new supplies of office spaces in the next three years.

## Estimated growth

Meanwhile, Jones Lang LaSalle also indicated that rent prices have risen by an average of 9 percent in the second quarter from the previous quarter, which it credited to the thriving requirement for office space and the limited supply brought about by the entry and expansion of call centers, among others.

The Department of Trade and Industry estimated that the call center industry would continue to grow by at least 50 percent this year.

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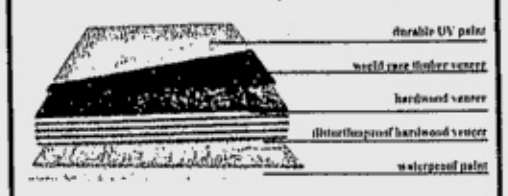


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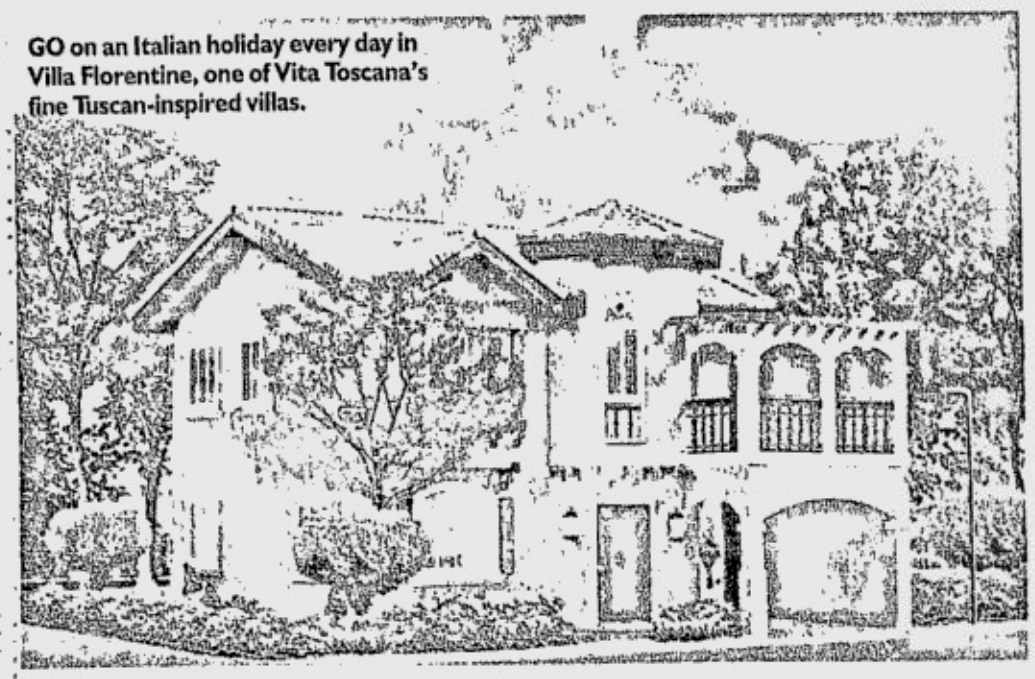

GO on an Italian holiday every day in Villa Florentine, one of Vita Toscana's fine Tuscan-inspired villas.

# Vita Toscana: where charming Tuscan villas are within reach

VITA Toscana's Villa Santini brings lush Italian country living closer to home.

AT BRITANNY Corp., serenity is more than a state of mind. It is an actual place with its own rhythm, kissed by sunshine and resplendent with the finest of life's essentials. Away from honking cars and phone calls, here is a place where real living takes place. Called Vita Toscana, this slice of Italian country living tucked quietly by the gateway of Southern Manila is serenity as envisioned by Brittany.

In this unexpected oasis are charming Tuscan Villas so close to the city and yet so unscathed by its proximity to the hurried pace of the urban center. Just like other Brittany developments, it is the beautiful homes themselves that immediately attract interest.

## Well-chosen theme

True to Brittany tradition, a well-chosen theme sets the mood for the entire project. In this case, Vita Toscana looks toward the idyllic Italian countryside for inspiration. Tuscany—with its spacious homes decked with balconies and towers, and protected by weather-worn walls painted in bright shades—provides a rustic charm to the property.

"Vita Toscana is a development we are especially proud of because it offers a refuge from the metropolis," said Brittany president Jing Serrano. "Here, you can revel in the simple joys of life but without foregoing the amenities of a modern lifestyle—city-living conveniences you have every right to enjoy but without the traffic and pollution."

"We fondly describe Vita Toscana as a place you like at a pace you'll like," added Nova Noval, head of corporate communications of Brittany.

## 3 model homes

Three enchanting model homes are available namely Villa Santini, Villa Florentine and Villa Celsi. Occupying a 107-square-meter floor area on a 140-sq-m lot area and a 158-sq-m floor area on a 168-sq-m lot area respectively, the Villa Santini and the Villa Florentine both have three bedrooms, a family hall, powder room, lanai, service/utility area and a single carport.

The largest of the three, Villa Celsi also has three bedrooms, a powder room and a service/utility area. In addition, there is also a courtyard, casita, balcony and a double carport. It occupies 193-sq-m floor area on a 224-sq-m lot area.

While Vita Toscana exudes an ambience of being untouched by times, it provides a wide range of amenities and features for its residents to enjoy. This includes swimming pool with lap and children's pool, parks and playgrounds, barbeque pit, basketball, badminton and tennis courts, fitness center, fountains and a grand clubhouse.

LIVING large and carefree is a breeze at Villa Celsi, Vita Toscana's largest model home.

Among the premier utilities it offers are a perimeter fence and buffer trees for boundary lots, 24-hour security, alternative day garbage collection, deep wells and water reservoirs for round-the-clock water service and a professional property management team to ensure that the standards are maintained at its highest levels. Home and lot packages range from P4.8 to P12.3 million.

## Accessible

Located in Bacoor, Cavite, Vita Toscana is accessible through the Niog Road and eventually through the Molino Boulevard. It is only five minutes away from the junction of the Coastal Road and Aguinaldo Highway and about 45 minutes away from Makati. Once the Molino Boulevard opens next year, these Tuscan Villas will then be less than five minutes away from Coastal Road.

This residential, commercial and mixed-use development occupies over 50 hectares of land area with its 13.1-hectare Phase I now offering 282 lots. With Bacoor progressing into Cavite's shopping district, the value of Vita Toscana has been enjoying a steady appreciation. Presold two years ago at P7,000 per sq m, this premier property is now valued at no less than P11,000 per sq m today. Other developments within the vicinity include St. Dominic Hospital, SM Bacoor, RFC Mall, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, Philippine Central University, Emilio Aguinaldo College and University of Perpetual Help.

A 12-kilometer Light Rail Transit (LRT) I extension project is in the works to extend the existing LRT I from Baclaran to Bacoor, Cavite, running through some of the heavily congested parts of Parañaque, Las Piñas and Bacoor. Once completed, it is expected to contribute significantly to the growth of Bacoor and the property value of Vita Toscana.

"Vita Toscana is really a place meant for you to raise your children in," concluded Nova Noval. "It is at a reasonable distance from the workplace, near a commercial district, yet still able to ensure your family's privacy and security. With its tranquil ambience, enchanting architecture and amenities that promote traditional family values, it definitely captures the true essence of serenity." With Vita Toscana, Brittany again broke new ground by bringing near the city the delightful view of such enchanting Tuscan Villas.

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# Veranda makeover

"LIBERATING!" reveals Angeli Valenzuela, a 30-something architect, when asked to describe the feeling of living on his own for the first time. He loves his pad because of the veranda which gives him a view of the lush green and serene surroundings. However, it was bare and neglected. With a little help from his friends and Handyman Do It Best Home Center (Handyman), Angeli's veranda was up for a makeover mission.

• **The place.** A 65-square-meter two-bedroom pad decorated with fairly neutral and dark wood furniture and monochromatic all-natural hues to create a homey, laid-back sanctuary.

• **The issue.** The veranda brings in a lot of sun and exposes much of the house since his pad is adjacent to a street and the condo's main entrance. The bougainvilleas were very hard to maintain due to their thorny, woody bracts and didn't provide enough shield. "I needed a little privacy and an area where my friends and I could bond," Angeli says.

• **The idea.** Angeli wanted a natural screen from the inside that would not obstruct his view of the lush green. Camouflaging would mean shrubs, stools and other frills that were simple yet attractive.

• **The team.** Angeli brought up the idea of a "do-it-yourself" veranda revamp to buddies Ricky (an architect) and Ruel (a visual artist) who come in every week to enjoy chats over coffee. "My personality is reflected on every corner of the pad; and to break the predictability, I wanted my friends to have a thumbmark on a personal space where we usually get together," says Angeli.

BEFORE the makeover, the bare veranda brings in too much sun and exposes much of the house.

ANGELI'S friends Ricky and Ruel, with a little help from Handyman, prove that makeovers can be fun, easy and affordable.

Ricky and Ruel checked out Handyman for hanging plants, a fountain, a folding wooden table and wheeled planter stands. Foliage was draped where the bougainvilleas used to be and potted greens and the miniature fountain were placed in a corner together to create a unified look. Angeli took out some coffee chairs and the orange parasol he bought from Handyman through the store's special order service. The dull area is now a sleek, decked veranda!

• **The store.** For limited makeover budgets, Angeli believes Handyman is the best place to go. "Aside from great prices, Handyman has a wide and better range of home accents and other options with an anticounterfeit warranty. It also has highly-competent and customer-friendly personnel."

• **The tips.** List down the issues that need to be addressed. Scout around and compare prices. Ideas are free as long as you have the support of friends and a store like Handyman.

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# From Ayala Alabang Village to the next big thing—Ayala Westgrove Heights

POPULAR comedian Jon Santos is very proud of his Ayala Westgrove Heights home. He knew that it was a wise decision to invest in an Ayala Land property early on, since he has experienced the merits of living in secure and friendly neighborhoods before. Jon grew up in Ayala Alabang, as the Santos clan was among the very first residents of the exclusive village.

According to Jon's mother, Zeny, they had to adjust to certain inevitable changes: "My children were studying in different colleges, and I worked in a Quezon City office. We sold the house eventually. We decided to move to Dasmariñas Village after eight years, and lived there from 1986 to 2000."

## Persuasion

The Santoses first discovered Ayala Westgrove Heights after Jon did an anniversary show for Ayala Land a few years back. He decided to check out the development and was able to persuade his parents to build their own retirement place nearby as well. They became the third and fourth residents and now enjoy the convenient walks to each other's homes.

Said Jon: "What I do is predominantly media-related, so whenever I venture into something new like real estate, I consult my parents to avoid guesswork. It's very common for entertainers to save for real estate. My parents' advice is, look at the developer. From experience, we've lived at different Ayala villages all these years, so the confidence is there that the residents are cared for in an integrated community. This means there is attention to the educational, economic, social and environmental concerns."

## Subdivision features

Jon's father, Joselito, is especially enamored at the prime subdivision's distinct features. The semiretired businessman enumerates why living in Ayala Westgrove Heights is different: "It's more quiet. There's cleaner air. There are parking bays so the streets are more spacious. All the utilities are underground. And Ayala Land has been very generous with the park's features like the lagoon and the sports facilities. We're encouraged to walk, swim and bike a lot, too."

THE SANTOS clan considers their Ayala Westgrove Heights homes wise investment.

Zeny also appreciates the fact that the environment is a daily escape into a tranquil atmosphere. "You're in a peaceful state of mind. There are very good neighbors. And you don't have to move far to rest. Even from the very start, we were very close. Even without the formal organizations, we in the neighborhood have already started meeting. We're all friends."

Jon agrees. "We were encouraged to bond with fellow homeowners very early. They create activities that let the neighbors know each other. Even outside the regular meetings, the neighbors get together because they have different recreational committees, clubs and outreach programs."

## Recommendations

Another of the Santos brood is expected to build a house beside Joselito's and Zeny's place. The family has also recommended Ayala Westgrove Heights to other relatives, as they can further enjoy the comfort and company of their nearest and dearest, as well as the penchant for similar things like sports, gardening and other family activities.

Jon shares that he recommends living at Ayala Westgrove Heights because he is assured of utmost care throughout the years: "I always tell friends of mine who look into real estate options to check out the developer like my parents told me. If it's Ayala Land, you're in good hands. You're confident that you are cared for and there's value for your money."

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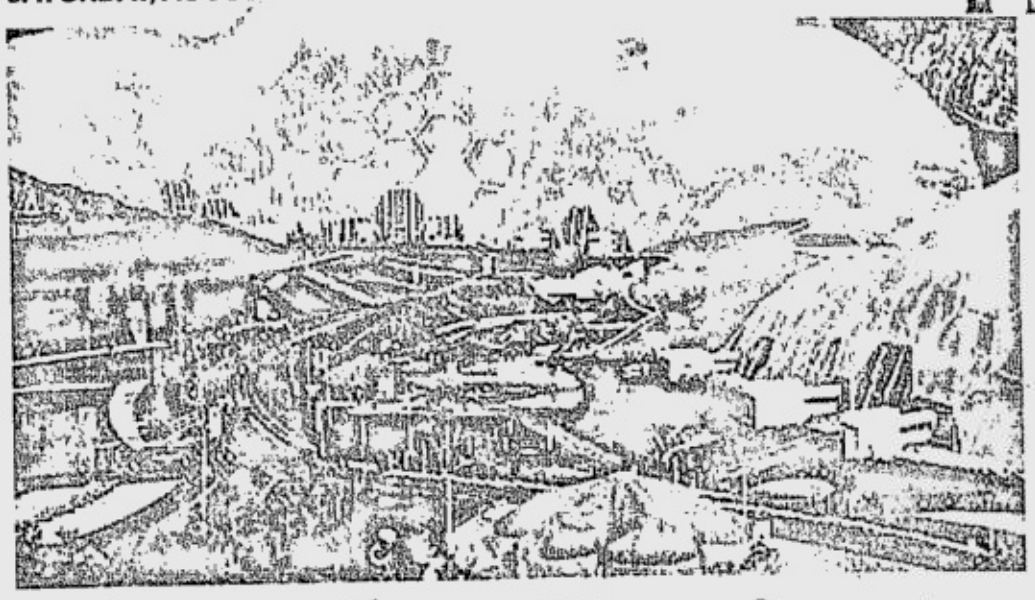


# The Eden Project

WHEN man was first placed in the Garden of Eden, he was put there 'ut operaretur eum,' that he might cultivate it; which shows that man was not born to be idle."—Francois Marie Arouet Voltaire, 1694-1778

And being idle is definitely the last thing in Tim Smit's mind when he came up with the Eden Project.

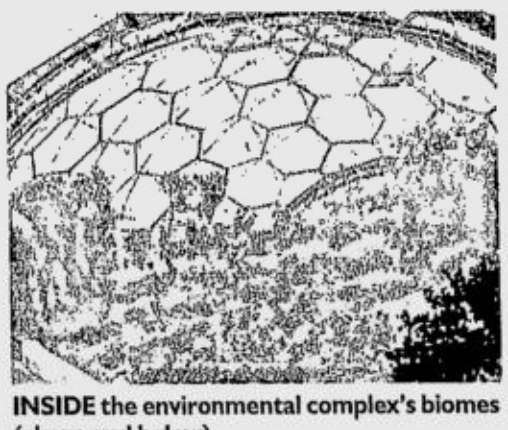
## AMAZING STRUCTURES

Situated in an old, unused kaolinite (china clay) quarry in Cornwall, United Kingdom, the large-scale environmental complex raises awareness about man's relationship with and dependence on plants. It has over 100,000 plants representing 5,000 species from different parts of the world. While some of the plants such as hemp, tea and sunflowers thrive in the mild conditions of Cornwall, some need to be placed inside two capacious, transparent domes resembling natural biomes.

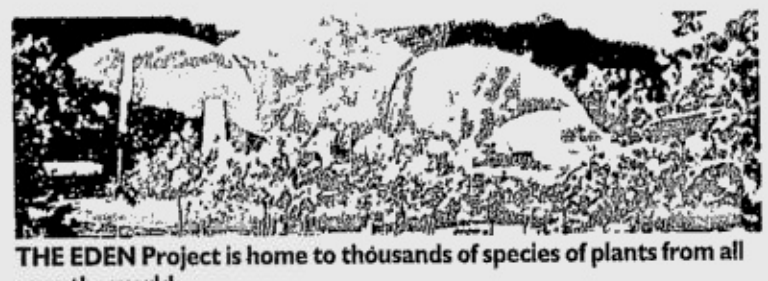
The humid tropics biome, which happens to be the world's largest greenhouse, houses bananas, rubber, cocoa, coffee, teak, mahogany and other plants which thrive in a tropical climate. The warm temperate biome is filled with plants from the Mediterranean regions such as South Africa and California.

The £80-million environmental complex was designed by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, a prominent English architect famous for several modernist buildings. The largest dome is large enough to contain the Tower of London, being 55 meters high and 110 meters wide without any interior support. Six hundred sixty-seven tons of steelwork and 831 panels were used to cover the biomes.

*Dianne M. Villafuerte*



**INSIDE** the environmental complex's biomes (above and below)



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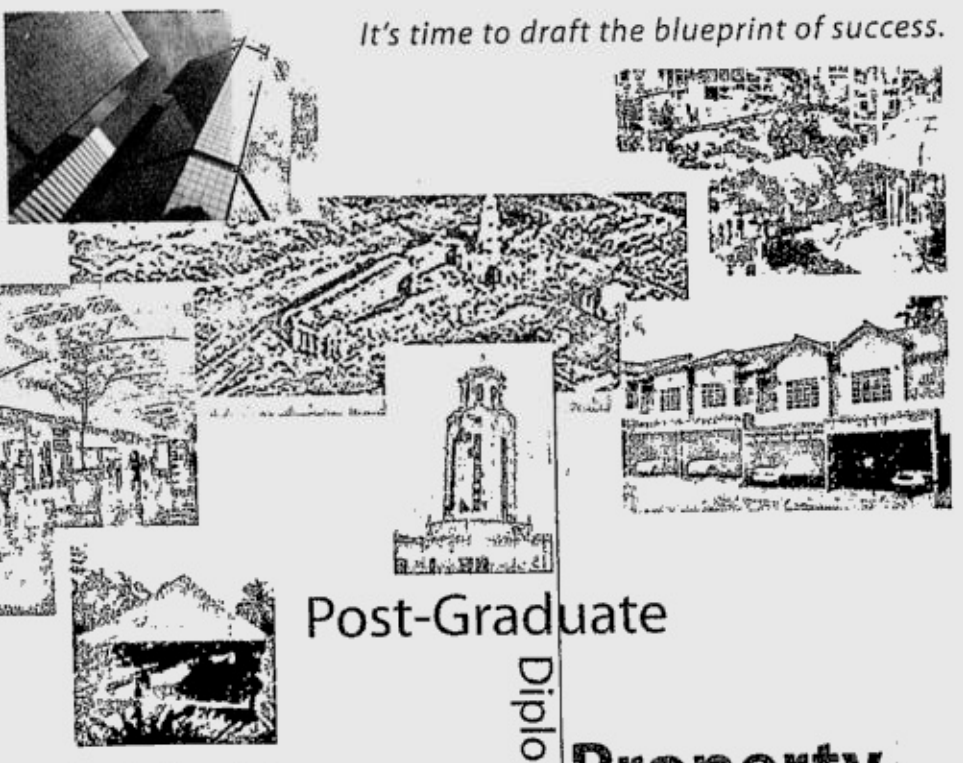

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# Resort living at Anvaya Cove

MAIN Pavilion offers varied leisurely pursuits, from lounging around by the pool, to dining on international cuisine, to various indoor games.

PREMIER realty developer Ayala Land Inc. is finally bringing world-class resort-style living in the Philippines with the development of its first-ever leisure community north of Metro Manila. It will all happen in Anvaya Cove, a 320-hectare property in Morong, Bataan that embraces nature, featuring a wide beachfront and seemingly endless views of mountain and sea.

The Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club will serve as the center of the enviable resort lifestyle to be created through mood-setting architecture and design, exciting amenities and high-quality service comparable to those in top resorts and leisure communities abroad.

The whole Anvaya Cove development will contain structures that illustrate what Ayala Land considers as tropical Asian architecture, borne from the concepts and guidance of renowned local architectural firm Leandro V. Locsin & Partners. The Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club pavilion will exemplify this unique architectural design in a signature quarter-arched roof.

## Leisure resort life concept

The Beach and Nature Club not only embodies the physical vision for the Anvaya Cove community, but the emotional and mental aspects as well, with the numerous activities and amenities that will serve to bring families together in true bonding moments. The Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club comprises various zones in its complex that maximize interaction with its water and land components.

At sea, there will be an ideal beach area that enhances the natural state of the shores of Subic Bay. A water sports pavilion will manage popular, active water sports activities such as jet skiing and kayaking. The Pawikan Bar and Grille, together with charming beach cabanas, will provide a venue for families and friends to get together over food, drinks and entertainment.

An architectural feature, a lookout tower, will also provide endless opportunities to take in the breathtaking views surrounding Anvaya Cove.

## Outdoor leisure, indoor amenities

More comfortable indoor activities could also be experienced at the Main Pavilion of the club. As in any other resort clubhouse, there are concierge services and numerous dining experiences such as at the Bamboo Café. A special Wine Room is an exclusive venue for top VIPs and guests. Nearby is a pool complex for adults and children alike, with a breathtaking infinity-edge feature. For the utmost in relaxation, a spa area set naturally within its surrounding beach and tree areas will also be developed, comparable to the trendy massage salas only experienced in expensive resorts in other Asian countries.

FAMILIES can enjoy hours of fun frolicking on the sand or swimming in the waters of Anvaya Cove.

For adventures on land, adjacent to the Beach and Nature Club is the recreational lagoon area for fishing, boating, and even radio-controlled boat racing. A vast expanse of grass and softly rolling terrain called the Great Lawn will also provide the perfect venue for picnics and family gatherings and more active pastimes such as frisbee throwing, kite flying or playing with radio-controlled aircraft.

## Establishing new standards

Most vital to the genuine resort-quality experience at Anvaya Cove is the top-notch service Ayala Land aims to deliver. This comes naturally to a company that is known for its incomparable property management.

Apart from standard concierge services, the Anvaya Cove Beach and Nature Club will provide the extra mile in making club members and guests experience not only relaxation and comfort, but a deeper and more meaningful interaction with nature as well. This is possible through guided tours and assisted explorations of such natural characteristics of the site as shallow marine ecosystems and forest trails.

All these aspects of the Anvaya Cove experience begin with a share in the Beach and Nature Club. This is also the ticket to a more lasting experience of the development and its rich environment through a residential lot in one of Anvaya Cove's many neighborhoods that are set to rise and complete the community. With it, families will even get to enjoy this resort lifestyle all year round.

To learn more about the resort lifestyle that will be made available by Ayala Land in the near future, call 725-7000, e-mail anvayacove@ayala-land.com.ph or visit www.anvaya-cove.com.

# Crown Asia's Woodberry, an American-inspired community

WHERE can one find retreat from the metro's pollution and heaving traffic, and the stress of city life? Together with the changing times, the lifestyles of the active urbanite have also evolved yet the desire to find escape from the aggravations of the metropolis remains.

After a decade of developing prime residential communities, Crown Asia continues to create masterplanned communities throughout the country from north to south to fulfill lifelong dreams of countless families. With the aspiration to build a themed neighborhood unspoiled by urbanization yet possessing the practical conveniences of an industrialized community, Crown Asia presents its new development—Woodberry in Antipolo, Rizal.

With an unobstructed view of greens and neighboring towns, Woodberry takes advantage of Antipolo's tranquil environment, a rare find amid the nation's rapid urbanization. The natural surroundings blend with Woodberry's American-style homes, its inspiration brings a homey spirit, low picket fences provides security yet allows interaction with neighbors, and thriving landscaping and wide roads complete the ideal community.

## 4 model homes

Drawn from the architecture of homes found in Westchester and Larchmont in upstate New York, Woodberry presents four model homes to complement each family's unique needs and tastes:

• **Azalea.** With more couples wishing to begin a new life and to start their own family, the Azalea model suit those who want the most out of conservative budgets. It has a floor area of 63 square meters on a minimum lot area of 88 sq m with two bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, and two toilets and baths. The Azalea model is priced at P1.9 million.

• **Heather.** The ingenious architecture of the Heather model caters to the increasing needs of growing families. It has a floor area of 79 sq m on a minimum lot area of 110 sq m. The Heather model features a lanai, three bedrooms and two toilets and baths and priced at P2.9 million.

• **Daffodil.** The Daffodil model maximizes space through careful planning and design. With a floor area of 95 sq m on a minimum lot area of 110 sq m, the Daffodil has three bedrooms, three toilets and baths as well as a maid's room. It also boasts of a lanai, porch and balcony—allowing you to enjoy the beautiful outdoors of Antipolo. The Daffodil is priced at P2.9 million.

• **Magnolia.** A luxurious option, the Magnolia is the largest of the four models with a floor area of 141 sq m on a minimum of 132-sq-m lot area. The Magnolia boasts of features which create a great living space for large families—family room, lanai, porch, a balcony surrounding the master's bedroom, three bedrooms, two toilets and bath and maid's room. It is priced at P3.8 million.

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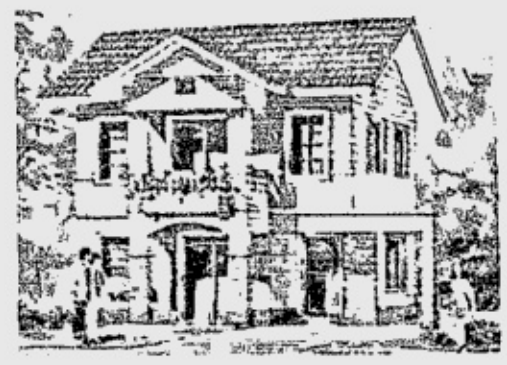

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Practical conveniences are never far away with Woodberry's own commercial area. Leisure and athletic amenities and facilities will also be available, allowing residents to unwind without having to leave the neighborhood.

## Prime location

Enhancing Woodberry's already prime location at Antipolo are neighboring schools such as the Assumption College Antipolo sited right across the community. Woodberry is only a 30-minute drive via Marcos Highway or Ortigas Avenue, bringing residents closer to the business and commercial districts like Greenhills, Araneta Center, Eastwood and Ortigas Center.

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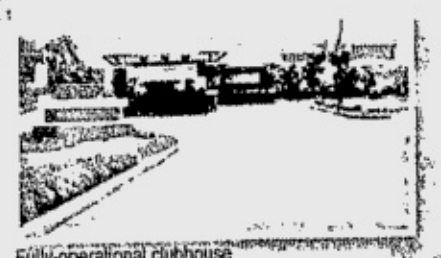

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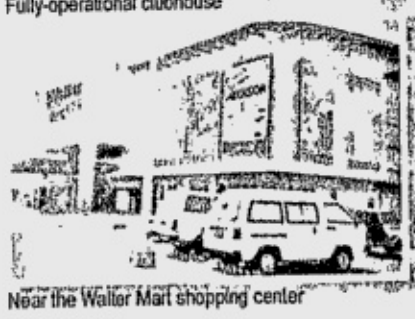

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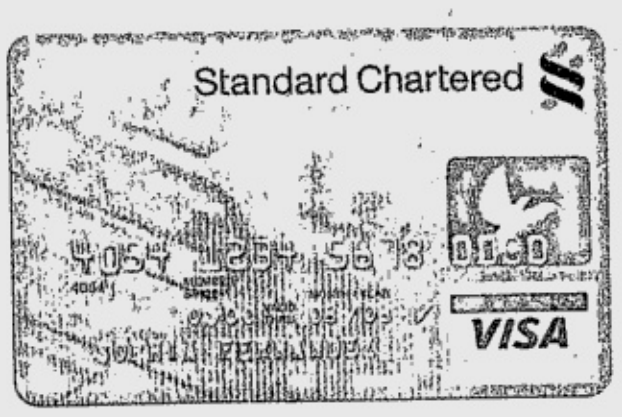


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# Musings of a New-Moneyed Masochist:

# Freeloaders Exposed

By Bryanboy.com
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PEOPLE use and abuse other people for a wide variety of reasons under the sun: politicians abusing their constituents to gain even more power, reformed prostitutes publicly lambasting other B-list celebrities to gain publicity for their so-called "acting" careers, social mountaineers (god I love this term) using old-moneyed oafs to propel their positions in the social strata.

Use and abuse also happens to the normal, average commoner such as you and moi. You've got the "not haves" using the "with haves" for monetary gain, people who befriend members of the "beautiful ones" to conceal their own physical insecurities and of course, members of the pretentious, freeloading ruling class who offer "free-end-ships" as soon as they hear anything with the word "free" in it—free booze, free food, free clothes, free makeup, free drugs, free living space, free everything.

Note: For those who don't know it, freeloading is the act of taking advantage of the generosity of someone. Hence a "freeloader" is someone who practices freeloading.

Speaking of freeloaders, one prime example is a certain jack of all trades, master of none "stylist/designer/producer" whose corduroy pants made me look like I stole my derriere from an elephant. From pro-bono Visionaire subscriptions and numerous, unreturned Louis Vuitton excess baggash (his excuse: he had them "repaired" in Hong Kong but my instinct says those bags got a one-way ticket to where the sun doesn't shine), he is the epitome of freeloading madness.

What's funny too is the fact that this "stylist/designer/producer" is mortal enemies with yet another former freeloading fiend of mine (a forever up & coming young designer) who made me apply for an additional cellular phone line under my name and promised me that he'd pay such line monthly if I GAVE him the sim card. Several bills and collection letters later, I eventually ended up footing his bill—money, at that time, I could've spent on yet another Dior handbag.

As a masochistic 18-year-old (plus five, don't tell anyone) who has been burned over the years by a quite a few freeloading fiends, here are some musings for you to ponder if you want to attract such fixtures of today's society.

Admit it—everybody loves a freeloader!

## 1. Be incredibly generous but never expect anything back.

Everyone knows (including your Matron-Air mother) that receiving is much, much, mucho better than giving. I mean, if it's manna from heaven, it's still manna. Or should I say it's still from heaven?

But to attract the best freeloaders in town, one has to be incredibly generous and learn not to expect anything back. It opens the doors to vultures and predators who are willing to prowl on you the moment you take off your shirt and flash the Swarovski stick-ons in the shape of a peso sign covering your mammalian udders.

A freeloader's worst nightmare is the stingy, penny-pinching neighbor that you have next door. If you're not generous, who will be?

Being generous won't make you a freeloader—you can sleep safe in that knowledge. However, giving in to an order to receive (or expecting to receive) is just like bribery. My advice: Leave it to the blackmailers. But I have to concede and give you brownie points because such practice, so deliciously devious, requires real manipulation (aka social) skills.

## 2. Let them abuse your generosity over time.

It definitely takes time for someone to abuse your generosity—it could be weeks, months or even years. Freeloaders and Certified A+++ Grade Users sometimes like to befriend, cook and boil their prey in water before they eat them.

It could start from a petty little thing like being constantly asked to get them into your favorite nightclub for free to getting them swim in free booze. From there, it will evolve into a position where it involves something "not quite the norm"—money or prized possessions being borrowed etc.—who knows, it could be your lover, too.

Any respectable human being who receives but also gives (unexpectedly, of course) in the form of reciprocation is NOT a freeloader. Heck, it could even be as simple as "genuine gratitude," but trust me though, these days, it's a phrase unheard of to mankind. Blame it on the weak exchange rate my darlings.

## 3. I promise this, I promise that.

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. And God said, let there be light: and there was light. A freeloader or a user emanates light every time he/she borrows something from you—blinding light in the form of failed promises and failed returns, that is.

Trust me, I'd be wealthier than IKEA Founder Ingvar Kamprad if I got a Filiflippin Peso every time I hear the phrase "I promise I'll pay/give it to you back."

## 4. The more the merrier

No, it's not just Paris Hilton raiding the Kiehl's goodie bags by the sackload at Sundance. You gotta include her roadies, her entourage, her assistants, her assistants' assistants, hair and makeup, etc.

Why settle for one slug to suck your blood (as well as your bank account) dry? A freeloader is never alone. They come in pairs, threesomes or even groups. They're just like the whole (*barangay*) welcome wagon eager to pick you up upon your arrival at the airport.

Keep in mind that all it takes is one single contact with a freeloader and the rest of the cockroach gang will follow a la Pied Piper of Hamlin to Joe's apartment.

Money, money, money... money!

In closure, whoever said the "best things in life are free" should be burned in the deepest, darkest cesspit of hell because I, Bryanboy, think the best things in life are the ones paid for by my hard earned dosh.

As for friendship... well...

Let's just say as long as it's a friendship paid for by somebody else, then I'm fine. Har dee har har.

Vitriol anyone?

Baboosh!

GINO GONZALES ON EXHIBIT AT GREEN PAPAYA ART PROJECTS

# You are invited to a costume party

By Albert Pili

**WITHOUT a doubt the top theater and costume designer of his generation, Gino Gonzales was a student and apprentice of National Artist for theater design Salvador Bernal at the Ateneo de Manila. It was his esteemed mentor who also encouraged him to pursue further studies in theater and costume design.**

Gonzales attended the Masters of Fine Arts program in theater design at New York University on a Fulbright scholarship and an Asian Cultural Council grant. His graduate work was bestowed the Meier award of excellence in 2000 and the prestigious Seidman award for overall excellence in 2001 upon course completion by NYU's Department of Design.

Covering 16 productions with nine from his graduate work, the current exhibition is a landmark undertaking which draws attention not only to the discipline of costume design for theater but more importantly to the long-established and revered art of costume rendering. A number of fully-realized costume pieces will also be on display to show the intricacies and nuances involved in translating concepts to actual costumes.

Gonzales currently designs for various theater companies and television. Some of his works include "Ligawang Ligaw," "Himala and Troyanas" for Tanghalang Pilipino, "Accidental Swans and Shoes++" for Ballet Philippines, "The Last Five Years" and "Once on this Island" for Actors' Actor, "Honk!" for Trumpets, "Spoliarium" for the Opera Guild, and "Ryan Cayabyab the Musicman at 50" for ABS-CBN. Last March, the set design for the Opera Guild's "Spoliarium" won a bronze medal at the 2005 World Stage Design competition in Canada.

*Opening 6 p.m. today, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005*

*Shoptalk: Gino Gonzales on costume design and costume rendering, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, 3 p.m.*

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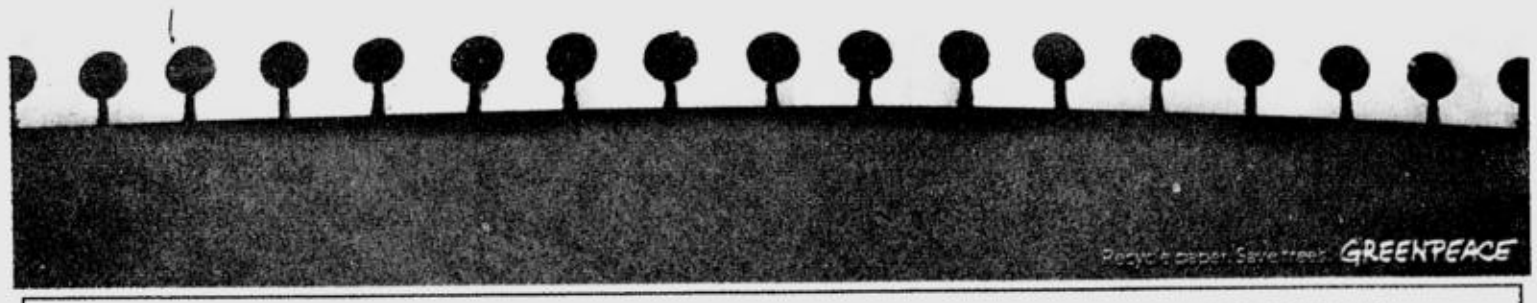


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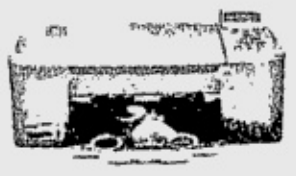

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24/7

# Atypical Adventures

Paolo R. Reyes
Janine Cuenca-Dario

MANILA has become a smoldering hotbed of nocturnal and cultural activity as often remarked by our readers upon discovering the diversity of events that are chronicled by 24/7. This week is no different. It offers many pleasant surprises including a functional art exhibit of young women, a horror film festival and an indoor vintage bazaar with interesting side events. You may typically get caught up in your weekly routines and disregard that growing sense of wanderlust swelling beneath your satiated souls. But with these exciting events on the menu this week, it will be difficult to resist the call of adventure.

## Vintage Bazaar @ Rockwell Tent, Aug. 27 & 28

Opening today is the "Vintage Bazaar", a treasure trove of classic Bohemian, Moroccan, Indian, and Asian finds under one roof, where a slew of "style merchants" (including popular vintage boutique New Yorker) will sell accessories, antiques, crafts, collectibles, clothing, home décor, and wellness products. While shoppers weave their way through the Rockwell Tent transformed into a climate-controlled indoor street market they will also be treated to an on-the-spot sketching session with a contemporary artist, a Capoeira demo, psychic readings, and exotic dishes prepared by the food stalls of Le Soufflé, Café Mediterranean, Mati, and Cork. Entrance fee is P100. Call 898-1702.

## Willy Wanka's Music Factory @ Gweilos, Aug. 30

Every Tuesday at Gweilos Makati [109 Palanca St., Legaspi Village, Makati, phone: 817-6083], DJ Joffy Cruz plays the very best of British Rock in "Willy Wanka's Music Factory," featuring tracks from Interpol to Bloc Party to VHS or Beta, as well as the Kaiser Chiefs, Faders, Magic Numbers, and Shout Out Louds. Free compilation CD samplers are also given out containing tracks from the weekly theme, such as "Contact Tokyo" and "Turn on the Bright Lights." On Aug. 30, it's "Diego vs. Diego" featuring guest DJs Diego Mapa and Diego Castillo.

CRYSTAL MYTH. Amina Aranaz shines

## Eiga Sai 2005: A Festival of Japanese Horror Films, Aug. 31

Opening on Wednesday is the Japanese film festival, Eiga Sai 2005, which will offer free screenings of classic and contemporary Japanese horror films. The festival will kick off with the screening of "Pulse," a hi-tech thriller by Kurosawa Kiyoshi, the director of the horror blockbuster, "The Grudge." Other films to be screened are "Haunted School", "House", "Kwaidan", "The Ugetsu Story", "Yotsuya Ghost Story", and "Tomie: Rebirth Color." Eiga Sai 2005 will run from Sept. 1 to 5 at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall, from Sept. 13 to 17 at the UP Film Institute, and from Sept. 20 to 25 at the CCP Dream Theater. For screening schedules, visit www.jfmo.org.ph or call the Japan Foundation at 811-6155.

## The Brass Munkeys @ Wasabi, Sept. 2

On Friday, head over Wasabi [Olympia Building, 7912 Makati Ave., Makati, phone: 840-4223] for the neo-swing sounds of The Brass Munkeys, a group composed of former Brown Beat band members and students of UP College of Music and the UST Conservatory of Music. Wearing authentic '40s zoot suits, the band's hot jazz repertoire will easily transport you to a Technicolor land of dandy couples lounging in cigarette riddled night haunts, enjoying the sweet sound of Sinatra and swing.

## Cristal Fantaisie @ Ayala Museum, until Sept. 8

Ongoing at the Ayala Museum [Makati Ave. corner De La Rosa St., Greenbelt Park, Ayala Center, Makati, phone: 757-7117] until Sept. 8 is "Cristal Fantaisie," the first Filipino tribute to Functional Art. The three-woman show features an extensive collection of artistry in the gold and silver wire jewelry of Ciara Marasigan, the celebrated jeweled purses of Amina Aranaz, and the modernized paper creations of Tes Pasola. The exhibition depicts three distinct styles and media, while incorporating Swarovski crystal beads into their individual works.

## Other Super! 24/7 events:

### Aug. 27, Saturday

National House Anthems with NBK DJs at Mezze; Madcap Comedy with Marissa Sanchez at Calesa Bar; Pinikpikan at Phi Bar, Metrowalk; Happy Meals, Sugarfree, Cambio, & Twisted Halo at Saguijo; Superfly Saturdays with Karl Ty at Maestro Lounge; '80s Night with DJ Dicky Tan at Quisine; Mon David & Triology at Wasabi; Steve Mills at Temple; Dip N' Drop at V Bar; Supermodel Saturdays at EmbassyClub; Soundsgood DJs at Embassy Cuisine; DJs Patch & Paolo Abaya at Absinth; Soulistic Saturday at Prince of Jaipur; DJ Cocoy Puyat at Bed; Meat Packin' Saturdays at Government; Club MYX at Halo; Ntwine & Wiseguys at Suburbia

### Aug. 28, Sunday

Rockwell Vintage Bazaar at Rockwell Tent; Cooky Chua & Johnny Alegre Affinity at Gateway Mall; CouchLab DJs at Tiananmen Bar; SinagTala's "Remembering Tiking" at Philam Life Theater

### Aug. 29, Monday

Rivermaya at '70s Bistro; Soul Seduction with Kate Torralba at Absinth; I Don't Like Mondays! with DJ Ro at Gweilos Makati; Acoustic Soul with Release band at Temple; couchlab DJs at Tiananmen Bar; Ron Antonio at Suburbia; Behind Closed Doors at Conway's; Jazz Trio at Captain's Bar

### Aug. 30, Tuesday

Ebony Grooves at V Bar; Velvet Party at Absinth;Willy Wanka's Music Factory with Joffy Cruz at Gweilos Makati; Tropikasya at Strumm's; Steak Tuesdays with DJ Scratchmark at Halo; Balooze at '70s Bistro; Nyoy Volante at Suburbia; Spirit of '67 at Captain's Bar; Flintstones & the Gange at Conway's

### Aug. 31, Wednesday

Smooth Wednesdays at V Bar; Faces Nights with Boyet Almazan at Mezze; Bellini Night with Karl Ty & Carlo Ocampo at Embassy Cuisine; Bridge at Dish; Pido at '70s Bistro; Elysium Night with Skies of Ember, Elemento, Late Isabel, Daydream Cycle, & Isolation Ward at Saguijo; Superklasse with Johnyverse & Mars Miranda at Embassy Club; Come As You Are: '90s Music at Absinth; Way Back Wednesdays with Cocoy Puyat at Bed; Retro Night with Bobby Nolasco at Prince of Jaipur; House of Rock at Halo; Essential Grooves with James Mcranie at Future@Halo; MOBB at Captain's Bar

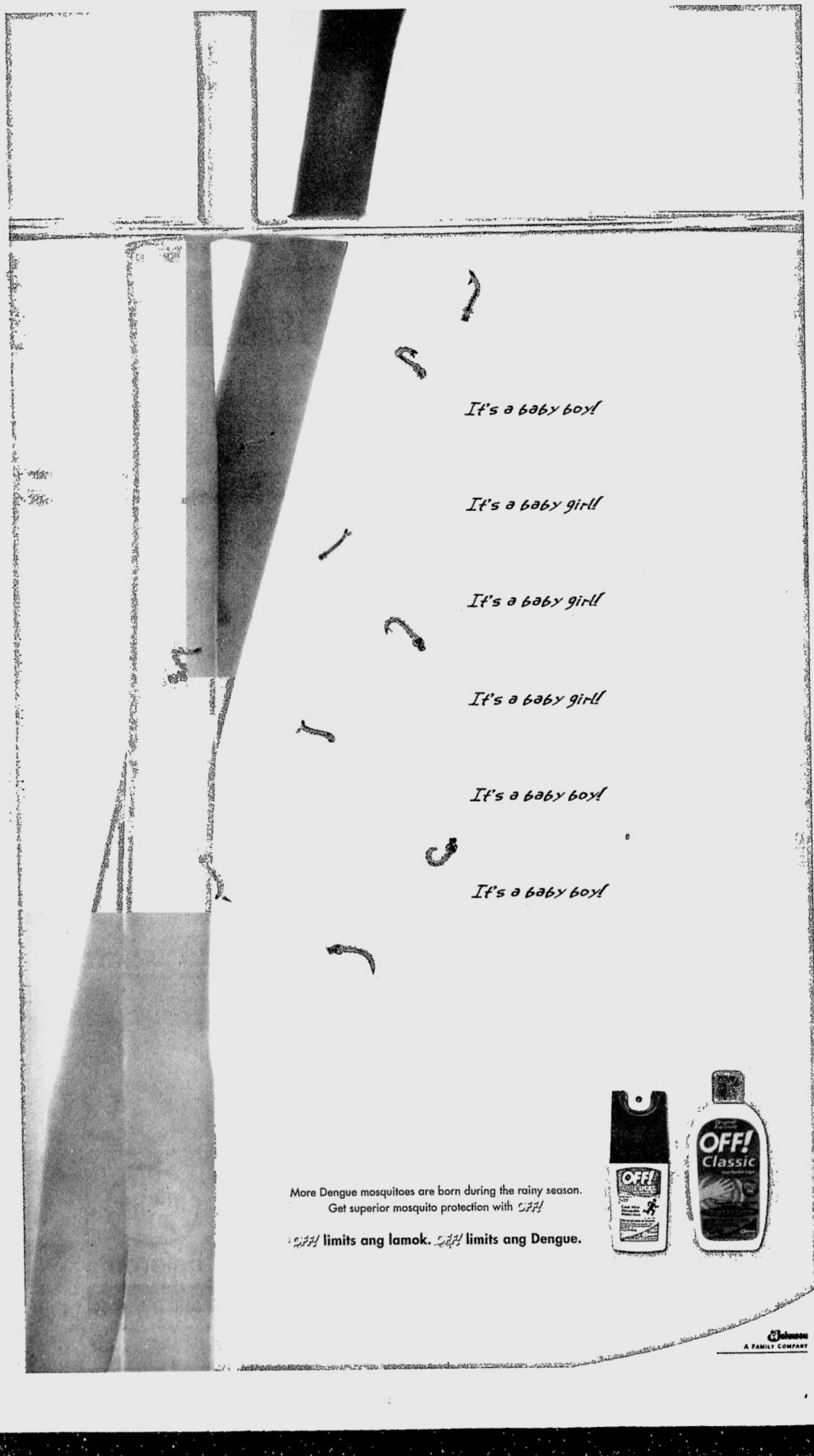
### Sept. 1, Thursday

All Souled Out Motown Tracks at Mezze; Cooky Chua and Friends at Wasabi; VEN at V Bar; RIDDM with DJ Patch at Absinth; Cocoy Puyat & Travis Monsod at Bed; Chocolate Milk at Government; Couchlab DJs at Tiananmen Bar; Spirit of '67 at Conway's

### Sept. 2, Friday

La Baila with Calyspo DJs at Maestro Lounge; MyHOUSE with Elian Habayeb & Mark Jentes at M Café; HouSessions with Manolet Dario at Mezze; Decadance with Boyet Almazan at Jill's; Musik at Embassy Club; Couchlab DJs at Embassy Cuisine; BBC's Future Lounge with Mike Constantino at Future@Halo; Gorgeous: '80s Music with Erick Maniquis at Absinth; Steve Mills at V Bar; Jive Fridays at Temple; Gogo Fridays at Bed; DJ ScratchMark at Prince of Jaipur; Friday Night Flava at Dish; Replay & Ntwine at Conway's; Acoustic Jive at Quisine

Schedules may change without prior notice. For more information and a complete listing of events, text 24/7 through your mobile phone and send to 2949 for Globe and 209 for Smart. Log on to www.mag24-7.com or pick up your free copy of 24/7 Nocturnal Navigator at bars and restaurants around the city. Submit your schedules before Wednesday to e-mail address events@mag24-7.com and mag24_7@yahoo.com.

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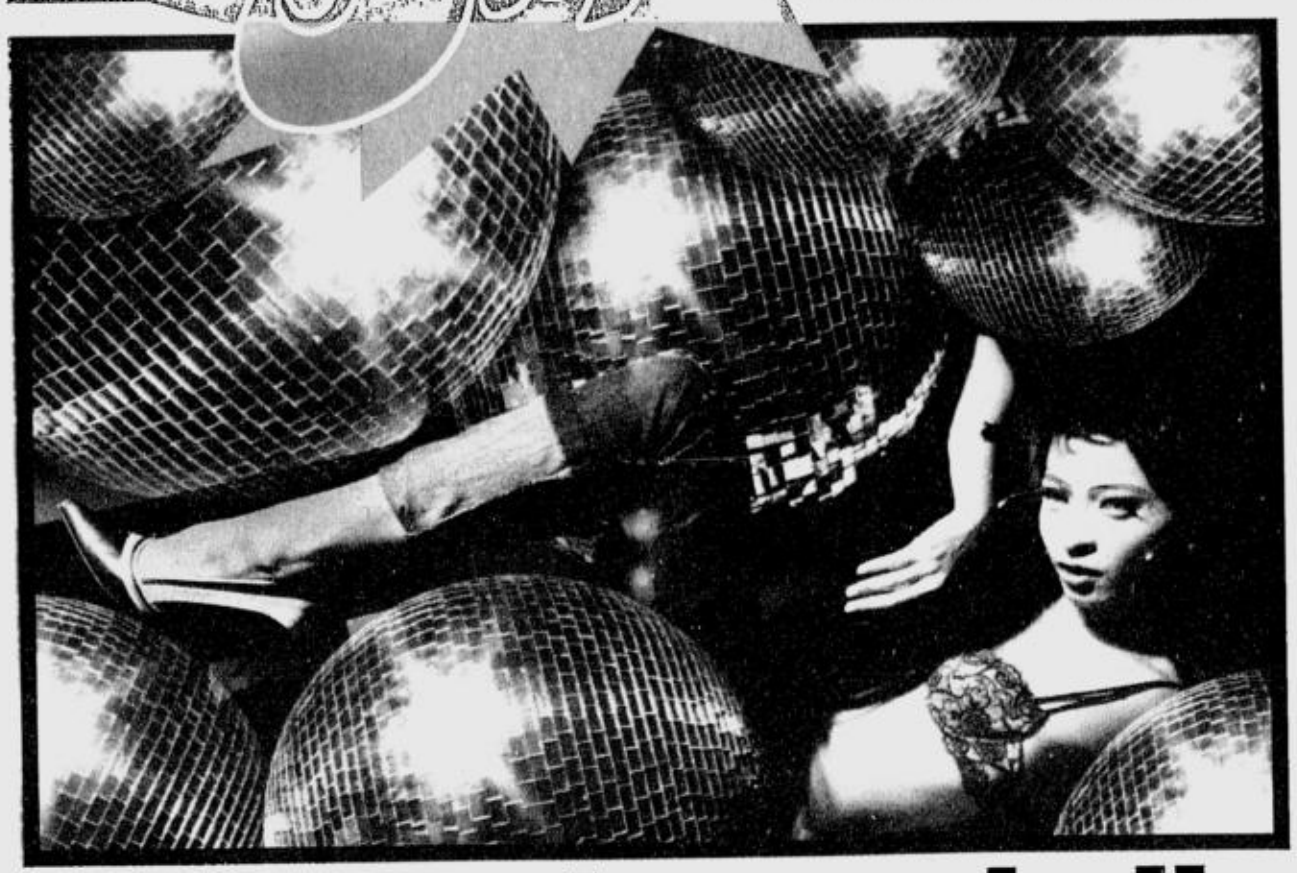

# You can ring my bell, Nicolette Bell

*Tim Yap*

BEING one step ahead, that's the secret of staying on top.

Nicolette Bell is fashion's undisputed muse. Being the favorite mannequin of photographers, designers, stylists and directors, La Bell breaks all stereotype, standing only at 5'6 and 1/2. The minimum height requirement for ramp is 5'9.

Despite her diminutive frame, her every entrance is eagerly awaited. Fashion industry insiders give her that respect, knowing that when she strides on the ramp, she owns it.

A damn good model, her feline features contort before the camera, oozing with sexuality and innocence at the same time—but everyone who's flipped through the pages of the fashion glossies already know that. In fact, this Super! special tribute to the face that's launched a thousand products through ramp, print and billboard advertising is long overdue. To this writer, Nicolette Bell is to the Philippines as Kate Moss is to England.

## One step at a time

From rock chick to model maverick, Nicolette's journey is proof that everything happens one step at a time. It was her sister Selina

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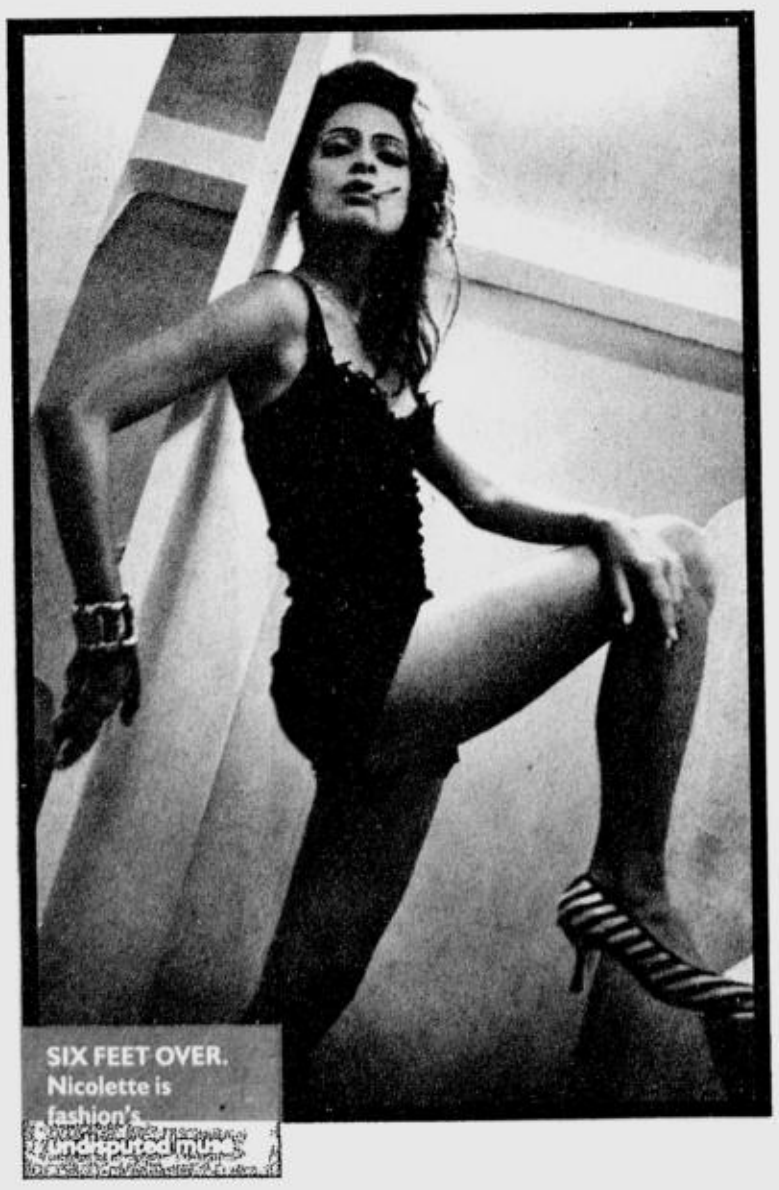

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## The Super!model

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### Famous for her feet

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SUPER! SEEING DOUBLE. A pair of Nicolettes donning her own Label

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But the success is not a big surprise for someone like Nicolette, who plunges, feet first, into everything she does. "When my mom was in England, a fortune teller told her that one of her kids will be famous for her feet. My mom thought I was going to be a dancer. It's only now that I realized that maybe, shoes are my destiny."

And we believe in her, every step of the way.

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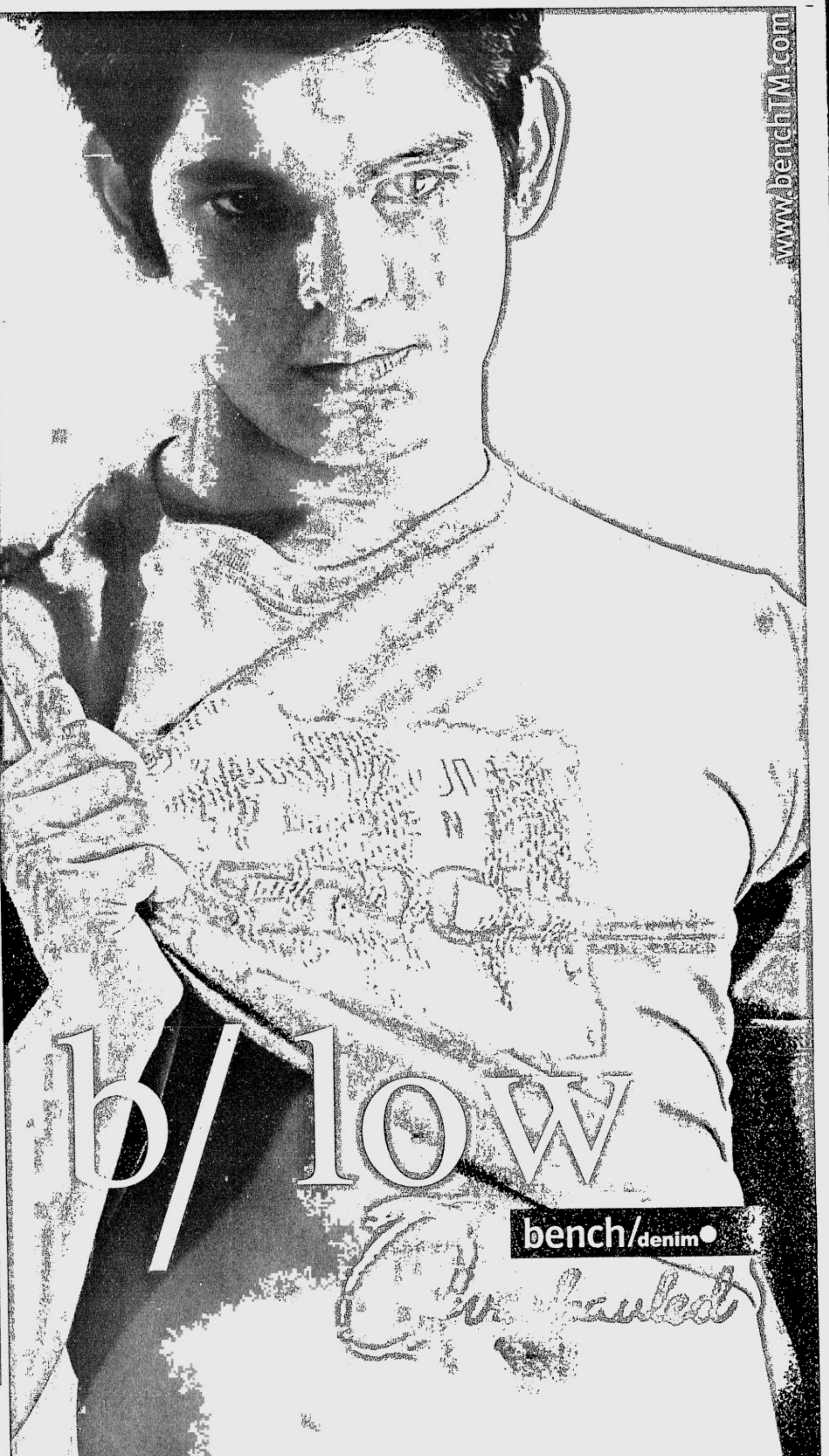


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# Let's hear it for these boys

By Tim Yap
Photo by Jason Tablante

THEATER is on an upswing these days. Young audiences are flocking back to the theater again. Blame it on productions that speak our language, sing our woes and dance to the beat of our hearts. Add to the fact that theater companies tap stars for lead roles in their productions, supported by scene stalwarts that result to dazzling shows that make people come back for more.

Enter Footloose the Musical, from the iconic film that spurred the dance craze. The story, adapted for the Broadway stage by its original creator Dean Pitchford, speaks of Bomont, a town where dancing, rock and roll and any kind of partying is prohibited by law—until lead character Ren Mc Cormack (played by JayR and Jonard Yanzon) comes along.

STAGES is producing the Manila run, directed by Chari Arespacochaga and choreographed by James Laforteza and Rene Sagaran of the Manoeuvers. Expect high powered performances, sizzling choreography and unforgettable show tunes.

*Footloose the Musical will run at the Meralco Theater on Sept. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16,17, 23, 24 at 8 p.m. and on Sept. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 3 p.m. Call 635-4478 or 631-7252 or Ticketworld at 891-9999 or visit ticketworld.com.ph.*

FOOTLOOSE the Musical stars Jay-R, MYX VJ Iya Villania, Jonard Yanzon and Gian Magdangal of vocal group 17:28, ABS-CBN talents Nikki Valdez, Maoui David, Veejay Aragon and Daniel Cabrera, MTV VJ Hunt finalist Marvin Luna, Caissa Borromeo, Monica Reynoso, Kyla Rivera, Dara David, Pom Docena, Johann dela Fuente, Andrei Pamintuan, Felix Rivera, Sen Nichols, Kenjie Villacorte, and JC Gotinga


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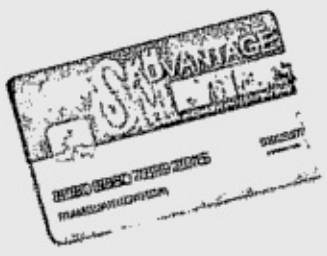

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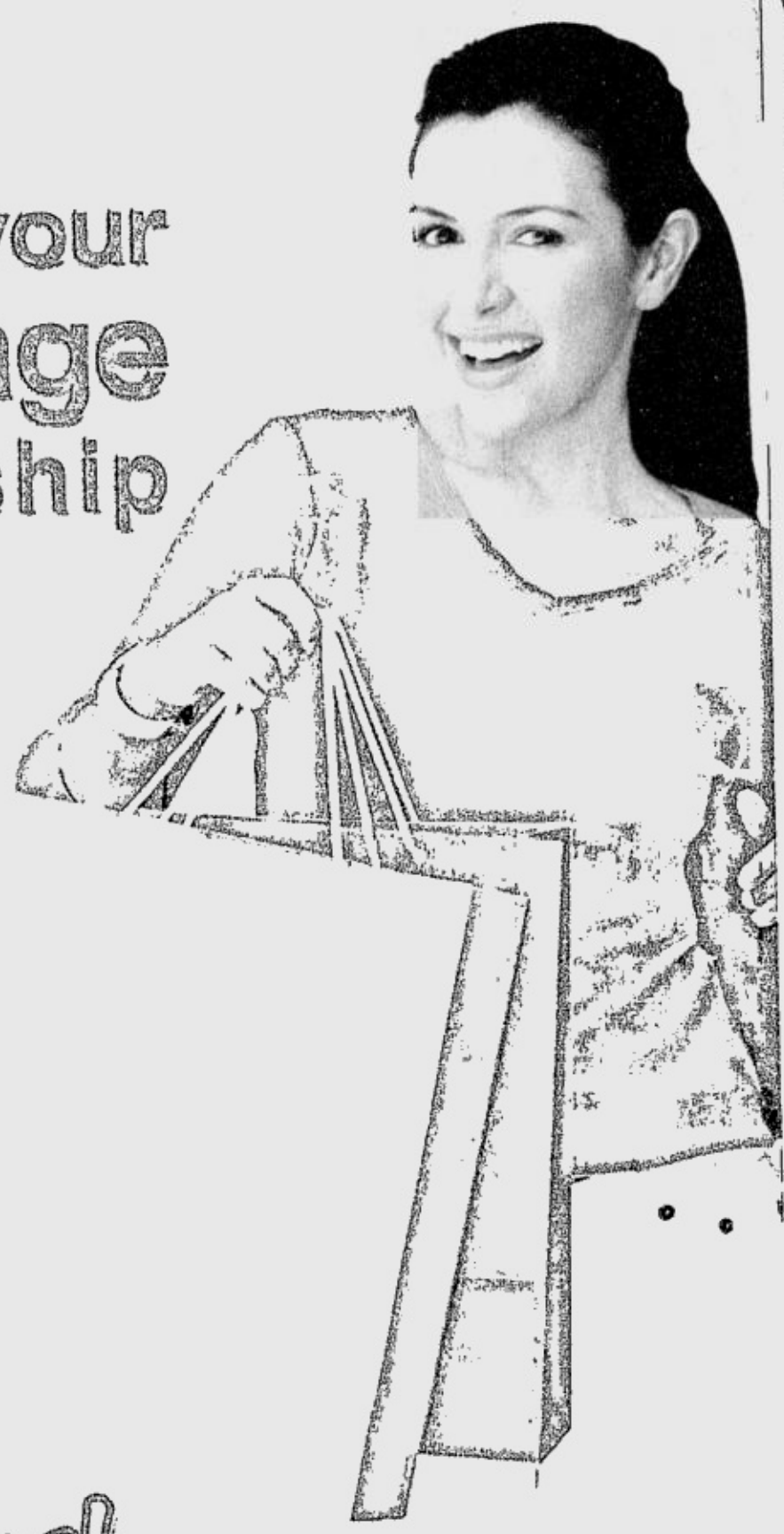

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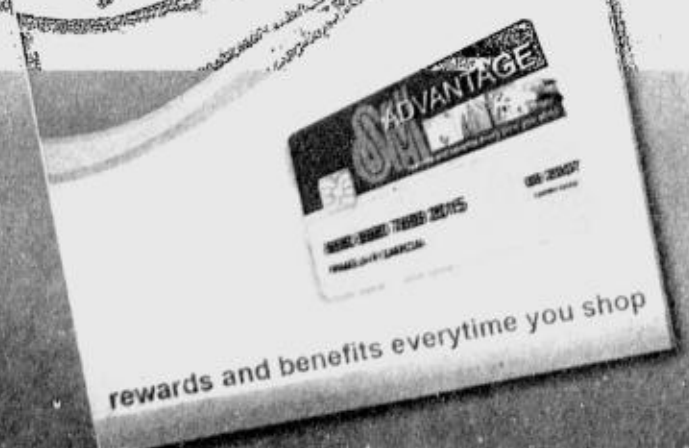


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# Yam and the Restless

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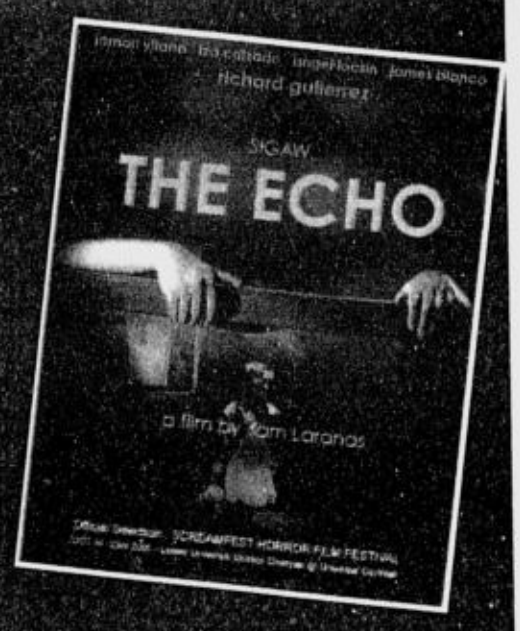
By James Gabrillo and Pepe Diokno

A LOT of people say that the great Filipino dream is to make it abroad. You can choose to take that in the negative sense—tons of people leave our shores everyday with hope of better lives for themselves, and dreams of one day forgetting they were ever in this beautiful country (though it sometimes seems like a miserable hellhole).

But there are Pinoys who, like other people across the globe, hope to make it abroad so that their message gets heard by more people. One of those people is filmmaker Yam Laranas. You probably saw his movie, "Sigaw" last December—and it probably creeped the hell out of you.

Do you want good news? In a few weeks, people from America and Europe are going to have the same chance that we did. And it looks like *sigaws* are going to be coming out of their mouths.

*Sigaw* which has been retitled "The Echo" for international audiences will be screened at the Screamfest LA International Horror Film Festival from Oct. 14-23 at the Loews Universal Studios Cinemas along the Universal City Walk. This is where the Japanese "The Grudge" and Korean "A Tale of Two Sisters" made their Western debut.




## Filmmaker Yam Laranas' 'Sigaw' is so loud it echoes. This I Am Super! Awardee makes it to Hollywood

### Super marketing for 'Sigaw'

Yam and webmaster Chuck Gutierrez marketed the film abroad. But they didn't go on an interview-feature blitz like most Pinoy films do—well, they didn't have the money. What they did was cheap—and incredibly, super smart.

"I accidentally bumped into this issue of Fortune magazine, and on the cover was something like, *Bloggers, the Next Powerful Voice*. And I said, sh** this guy is right! So we connected with the bloggers. Everywhere in the States, we'd search for their sites. And it spread like boom! And it caught the attention of the film critics. That's how fast it was. Then we'd send the screeners on DVD. We spent not even 1/16 of the budget of most promos—it's just Fedex, that's it," says Yam.

Yam believes in the power of how little things can be made big by just making them simple. For him, these simple ideas are the things that break better, as they connect well with audiences.

He adds, "Often there's too much talk—and it doesn't mean anything anymore. The buzz we did with *Sigaw* was not that noisy, but it buzzed to the right ears."

### Path to Hollywood

But the real breaking news is this: International Creative Management (ICM), the biggest and most powerful talent agency in the world, has signed up Yam to be a part of their roster of talents—the first time such a privilege has been extended to a Filipino filmmaker.

How'd it all happen? Yam tells us, "My good friend Roy Lee (executive producer of the American remakes of "The Ring," "The Grudge," and "Dark Water") was passing out screeners of *Sigaw*—without even telling me. And Rachel Belofsky, the organizer of Screamfest was talking to several agents and managers telling them about the movie. One day, Roy emails—'Yam, I gave your screener to Renee Cap of ICM—' I was like, oh sh** ! 'She's asking about you. I'm giving her your contacts.' And one day she emailed, 'Hi Yam. Your friend, Roy Lee, told me about you. Can you send me a screener right away?'—and I sent it, P1,500 for Fedex—f*** the P1,500, *'di ba*? She got it, and then sent me a message saying, 'I haven't finished it, but what I've seen so far scared the sh** out of me, can you call me up 7 a.m. Manila time?'

"That day I also got an email from Roy saying, 'Renee told me that she's seen parts of the film and she got so scared that she had to drag her brother to watch the film with her.'

"So the next day I call her and say, 'You know, I have good news for you—we got

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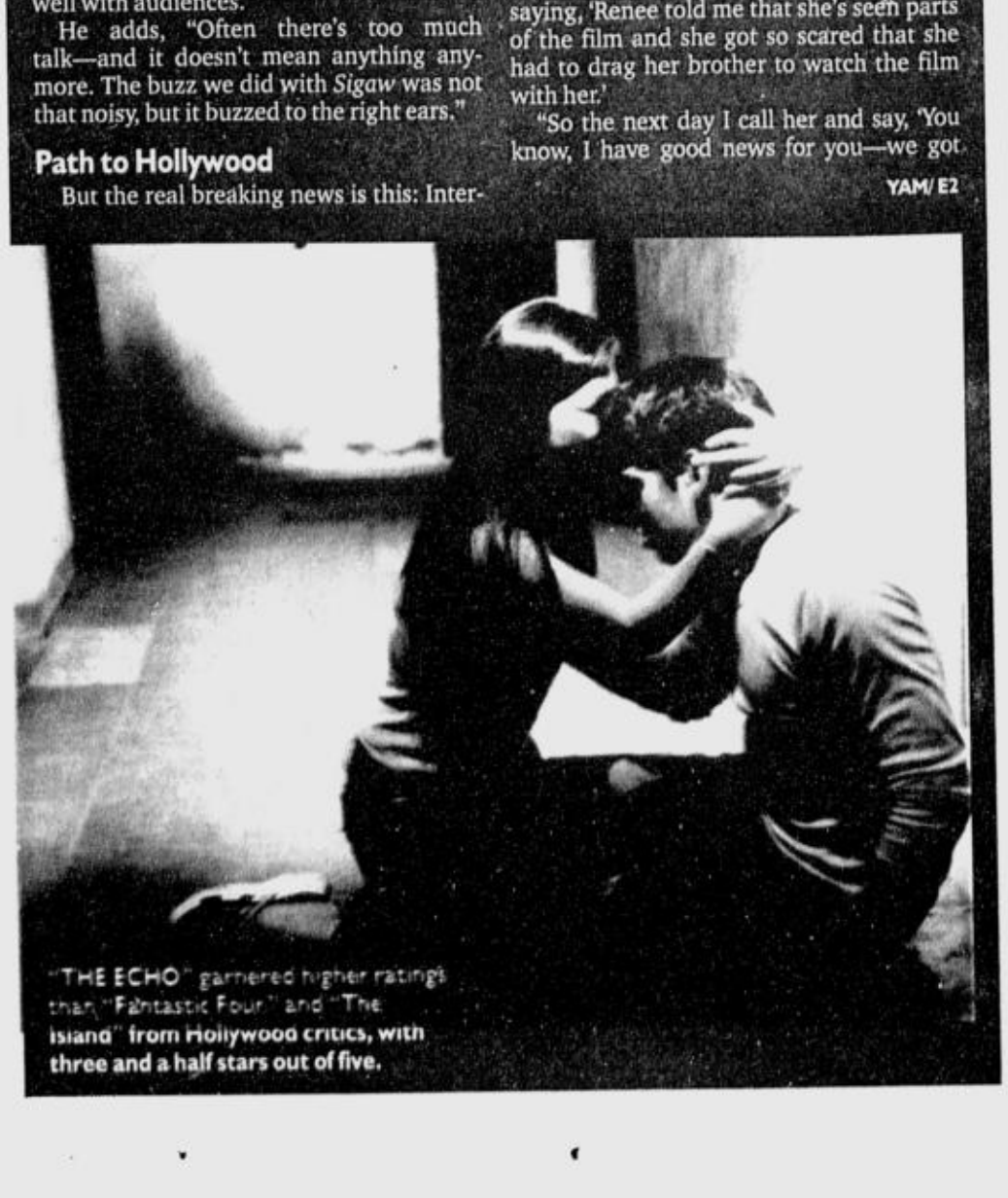

"THE ECHO" garnered higher ratings than "Fantastic Four" and "The Island" from Hollywood critics, with three and a half stars out of five.

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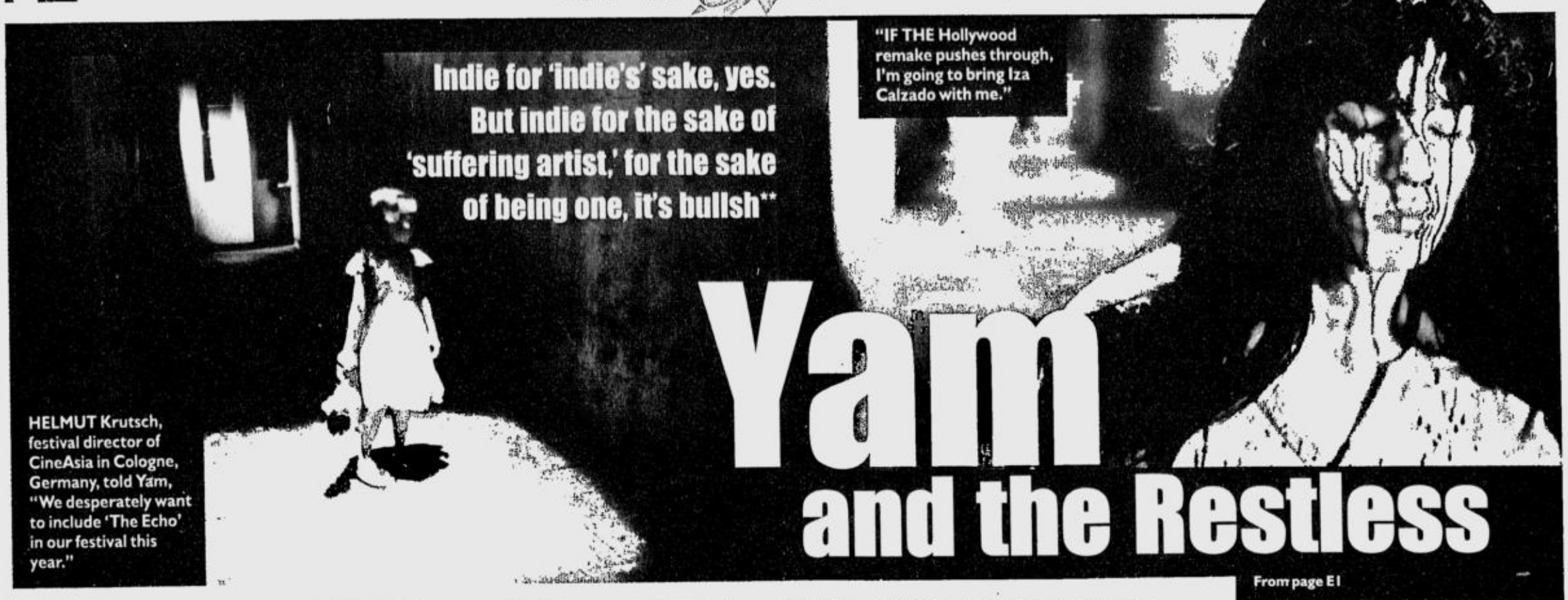

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"IF THE Hollywood remake pushes through, I'm going to bring Iza Calzado with me."

HELMUT Krutsch, festival director of CineAsia in Cologne, Germany, told Yam, "We desperately want to include 'The Echo' in our festival this year."

# Yam and the Restless

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good reviews...' And she goes, 'No, no Yam. Stop selling it to me. We're signed up.' And I go, 'How does it go?' She answers, 'It's just a handshake. But a handshake in Hollywood is a handshake. You break it, we break you.' Awesome, right?"

## Young Yam

Flashback to Yam's younger days, when things weren't all happy happy joy joy for him. As a kid, he wanted to do a lot of things at the same time—writing poetry, painting, music. He even studied dancing with Agnes Locsin, his "first surrogate mom."

Yam's mom once asked him, "What do you want to do, William? You can't do all of these things together." And then, he discovered the wonders of film. He recalls, "I wanted to act. I went to be an apprentice for Johnny Delgado and Laurice Guillen. That was 1987. They flunked me. Then I discovered Mowelfund. In fact, when I first enrolled in Mowelfund, after my first exercise in film someone told me, 'You have no talent in film. You better go back to Davao.'"

## Yam breaks in

We talked to Yam about how we love his strong sense of atmosphere and asked how he acquired that.

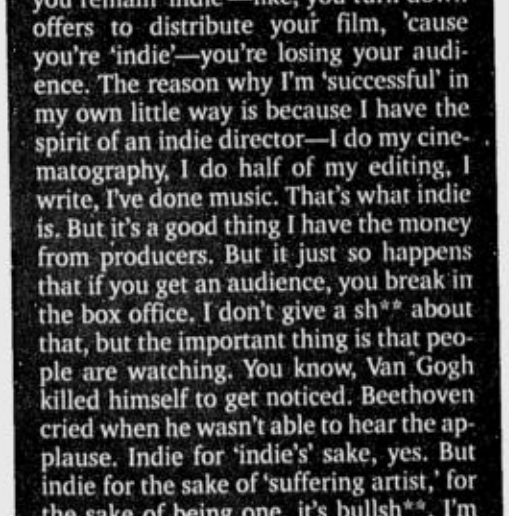
"I grew up a happy kid. But in Davao, everyday there's a blackout—so we'd pull out the candles, the *gasera*, and I'd love the lighting of that—like the drama of it. And in Davao, you can just go hiking, on Mt. Apo, and that inspired me, *e*. I grew up in that environment."

Back to, well, the future of Yam—he's excited that ICM is starting to open their doors to more talents from our country. His dream is through his work-that hit the right chord in these producers—he will be able to send the message that there's superb talent here.

"This really excites me. Because I want someone else to follow—not my footsteps, but in that direction. That's a way we can shine, *e*—'cause there's too much politics in the Philippines. And it's sad because a lot of our filmmakers here are dying to have their products shown abroad—but they're stuck in the box—the politics, the *sampalan*, *iyakan*. Partly because they don't wanna explore other subjects, or that they think that going to commercial is a bad thing to do. If you remain 'indie'—like, you turn down offers to distribute your film, 'cause you're 'indie'—you're losing your audience. The reason why I'm 'successful' in my own little way is because I have the spirit of an indie director—I do my cinematography, I do half of my editing, I write, I've done music. That's what indie is. But it's a good thing I have the money from producers. But it just so happens that if you get an audience, you break in the box office. I don't give a sh** about that, but the important thing is that people are watching. You know, Van Gogh killed himself to get noticed. Beethoven cried when he wasn't able to hear the applause. Indie for 'indie's' sake, yes. But indie for the sake of 'suffering artist,' for the sake of being one, it's bullsh**. I'm sorry. But *siguro* they're turned off by people who approach them. Or maybe they're afraid of their product being tampered with. But there's always two things to say—yes or no."

He caps off by saying, "We're starting something here. We're opening up. We'll never know what can come out of this."

Now that's Super.



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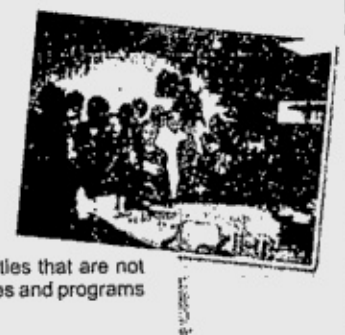
***Benguet State University Development Communication Society***
Project Entry: Stories of Alapu (A Research/IEC project conducted in Benguet and Mountain Province)
In an effort to arrest the continued modernization of Cordilleran children and the dying of their culture, the BSU DevComm Society undertook a two-phase research and IEC activity to create a book for pre-school children based on legends and other moral-laden stories from Cordilleran elders. The areas covered in the Montañosa phase (project entry), is Benguet and Mountain Province.

***Young Artists Fellowship for the Environment***
Project Entry: Enviro-Art Workshop Series
YAFE targets rural youth with a 2-3 day workshop integrating the arts with their advocacy of environmental stewardship. Their series has been conducted in Laguna primarily, and they are beginning their advocacy in Ifugao and Camarines Sur.

***Sining Bulakenyo Pangkat Mananayaw ng Bulakan***
Project Entry: Promotion of Folk Dance for National Identity and Nation Building
Sining Bulakenyo has this vision of folk dancing: as one dances, one shows their pride as Filipinos. They have researched and resurrected two traditional dances in Bulacan and aided the creation of several folk dance troupes in the province in support of this ideal.

***West Visayas State University Political Science Students' Organization***
Project Entry: Adopt Alimodias Project
Aiming to promote literacy among the children of Alimodias, Miag-ao, Iloilo, a group of young political science students extends its knowledge, material resources and services to render basic education to poverty stricken children.



***University of the Philippines in the Visayas-Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants***
Project Entry: JPIA "We make Accounting Work"
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***Save Mindanao Volunteers, Inc.***
Project Entry: From Wetland to Upland Literacy Program
The program seeks to give basic and functional education to the illiterate indigenous communities that are not reached by government educational institutions. The organization is committed to provide services and programs focused on literacy, health, livelihood and environmental protection.

***Beehive 4-H Club***
Project Entry: Agro-Industry Enterprise
Composed of young people from different religions, tribes, ideologies and status in life, they conceived their project in order to raise rural income to attain social stability and economic impact on the youth of Tupi, South Cotabato through the following activities: agricultural inputs and supplies dealing, rice retailing, swine and cattle dispersal and other cooperative efforts.

***State College Math Society- Mindanao Polytechnic State College***
Project Entry: Math Readiness Summer Course
The program is for high school and college students, covering a month-long summer refresher course in Mathematics. It aims to eliminate mathematics anxiety and/or phobia, and equip students with the necessary mathematical abilities.

***Kabataang Gabay ng Bayan***
Project Entry: KIAKTIBO
Their community in Parola, Tondo, was known to be a disease-infested area. Their tuberculosis eradication advocacy had each member handle one TB patient/ward (each patient was visited at home by volunteers and made to take their medicines every day). Detection of TB was also increased.

***Kanlungan - Kilusan Para sa Kalikasan***
Project Entry: Oplan Sagip Batang Pier
The project is located in North Harbor, Tondo, Manila. Their beneficiaries are the rugby boys/girls in the area. Through regular visits, the organization members hope that they are building rapport with these kids. Some of these youth are later encouraged to go back to their homes, return to school and quit sniffing rugby.

***University of the Cordilleras Supreme Student Government***
Project Entry: CHAMP OSY (Coaching and Mentoring to Help Attain Maximum Performance for Out-of-School Youth)

***Tanghalang Lepanto***
Project Entry: Tanghalang Lepanto: Participating Partner in Youth's Social Transformation in Lepanto, Benguet

***Gil Montilla National High School Youth Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives in Schools Laboratory Cooperative and Assistance Organization***
Project Entry: YECS Cooperative and Bank

***Young Catholic Movement Sogod***
Project Entry: Youth Coastal Cleaning Brigade

***Teatro Kabataan ng Southern Leyte***
Project Entry: Advocacy campaign on the rights and responsibilities of the Child

***Mlang Youth Organization***
Project Entry: ARH Information Education Campaign

***Anak Ng Tribo***
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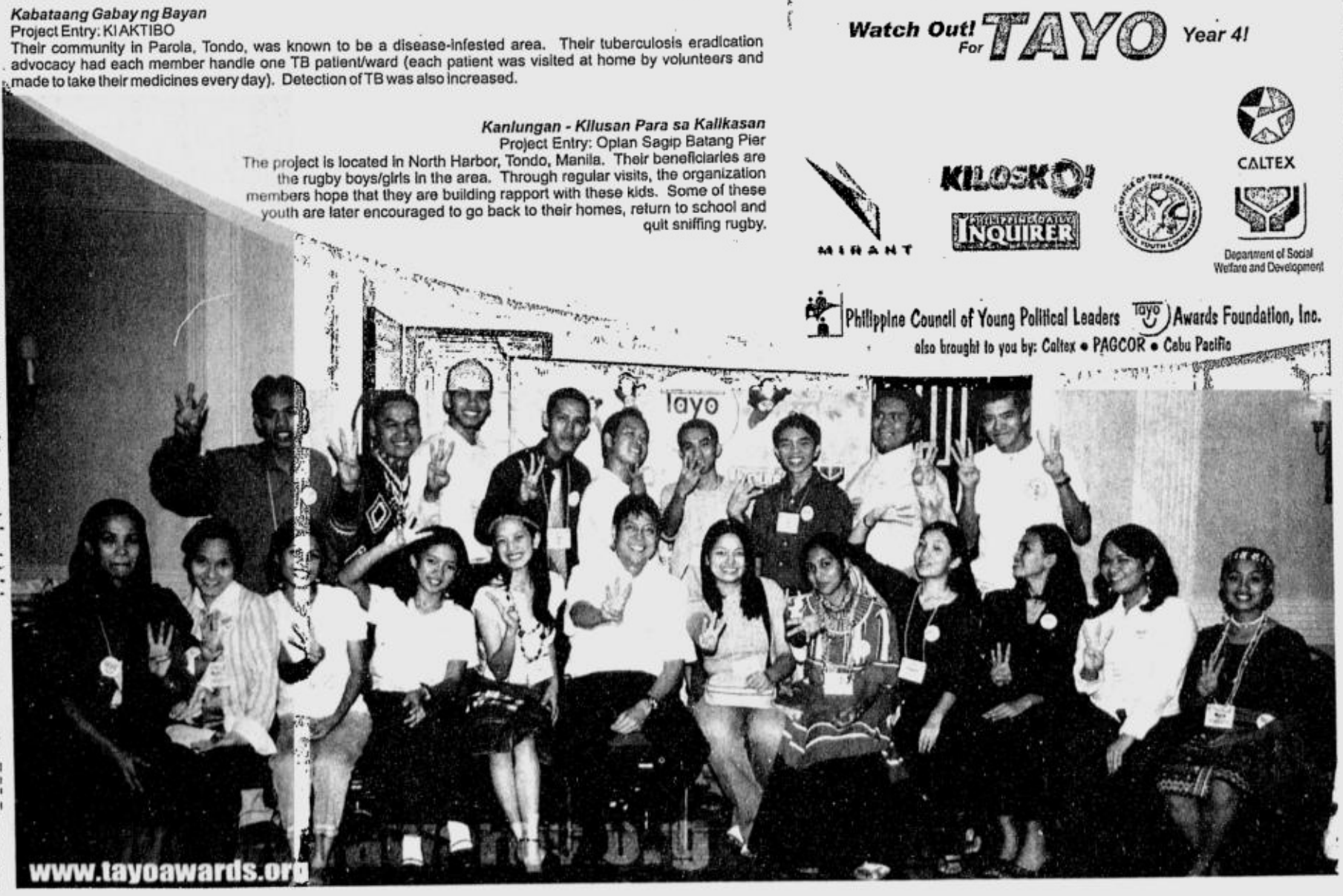


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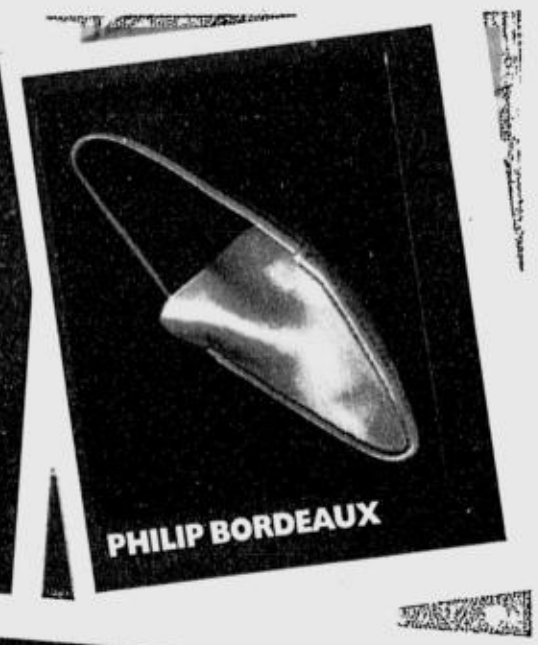


# Crazy sexy shoes

## Raymond Abrenica's Thornby Manila is guerrilla footwear for 21st century nomads

By Gino de la Paz

OUR GENERATION is a passionate, creative breed, driven by taking our dreams and inspirations from vision to reality. Whether it's music, fashion, film, or technology, our ideas are bound together in one great big saucer-eyed, little kid's world of possibility.

As the brains behind Thornby, a hi-tech/organic line of proudly Philippine-made footwear, Raymond Abrenica believes we're especially entrepreneurial because we're all about pushing what we already have—creativity. In fact, he has just cobbled the brand—or should I say, the anti-brand—for today's global nomads.

After nabbing his degree in BS Management in Communications Technology in Ateneo earlier this year, Raymond immediately set his stun gun on footwear. "I'm not a schooled artist with a tech designer background so I'd say I produce shoes rather than design them. I think designing is obsolete! Now, it's more about putting together elements to come up with something new and the cycle goes on. [Can you call it] styling?"

### The global underground

For ultra-obsessed shoe beasts, Thornby offers a strength, a coolness, and a certain dose of eccentricity that reflect Raymond's ideologies. "I'm inspired by a lot of things: Street style—obviously what we're lacking here, the social climate, the organic, sustainable life, and tracks by the Chemical Brothers, 'Shake Break Bounce' and 'Elektralow.' And maybe eastern Europeans who are out to prove something."

So sexy they should be outlawed, Raymond's shoes are named after what he likes to call "the global underground—people who may have an effect on your perceptions, and what you're about to wear next year." He gives props to the people behind the scenes by baptizing a pair of noir flats "Carine," after French Vogue's goth editrix, Carine Roitfeld. Then there are also mid-level, 40s-shape shoes he calls "Inez," after photographer Inez van Lamsweerde, which has a rustic, nineties-slouchy look. And though his stint as VMan editor was tragically brief, Philip Utz will be immortalized through a pair of men's driving moccasins in Bordeaux leather christened—you guessed it—"Philip."

The twentysomething technocrat also flips for Renzo Rosso's visions for Diesel and would love to work for Stephen Gan of Visionaire and V Magazine. "I get inspired by what these people have or are trying to accomplish," Raymond knowingly winks.

### About cultural exchange

He has no dream clients. Scratch that. "Can I say Lindsay Lohan and Mischa Barton?" Raymond laughs. Who knows, right? But now, the Thornby pilot collection is being snapped up by family, friends, cool moms and, surprisingly, kids who live on an allowance. "It's a strange billboard that spans collegedom to yuppiedom. *Basta* anyone with nice feet! And yes, global nomads!"

But why the moniker? "Because 'Thornby' sounds organic, Brit, juvenile and weird. I embrace global street style. With the Internet and cheap travel, it's all about cultural exchange! Last year, I saw a real cool bunch in super casual threads in the airport."

### Connect the dots

Raymond updated traditional shapes like sneakers, driving moccasins, sandals and loafers, making them perfect for the dance floor as well as the departure lounge. "My shoes are casual. I believe in real nice casual clothes, the type you can wear to airport and hop on after to a fancy dinner... or tea. They're simultaneously rustic and polished, old and new, hi-tech and organic. Contrasts make life more interesting. A thorn is a natural deformity. I think we're all special and I want my objects to have an interesting mix of scale, something natural." Hence the materials—like imported leather, stacked heels, tassles—and colors reflect how special and interesting Filipino craftsmanship is.

"Creativity knows no limitations," Raymond finally says. "Everything is readily available, just connect the dots!" You can see there's love in his work because he still believes in the Filipino's brilliance, resilience and artistry. "A lot [in the shoe industry] are struggling because of China's killer mass imports and super fast fast fashion. But kids should be able to find a sweet spot, maybe [even] exposure. I think it's more of asking more from life and yes, turning a passion into a business. As Donald Trump said, 'Being entrepreneurial is asking more from life.'"

And that, dear kiddies, was a moment in the life of a recent college graduate.

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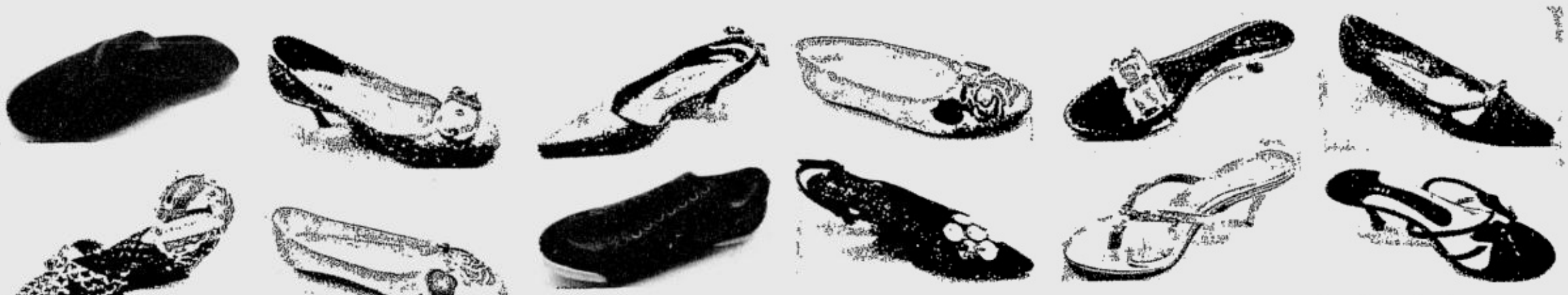

# Fitting pretty

By David Milan
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We strut the halls of our schools, the lobby of our offices and the entrances of clubs wearing them. And people pay attention—whether you're wearing those flatter than flat sneakers or expensive as your tuition fee high-heels.

I like basic white sneakers that you can pair with any normal pants. I'm no Imelda, I'm not really into buying every newly released shoe collection. I'm happy with my white sneakers and luckily, they seem to be happy with me as well.

In school, I checked out other students' shoes. Trasher kids wearing skateboarding shoes, the flip flops crowd who seem to be on constant beach mode, the rich kids with all the branded sneakers and the wannabe "Mean Girls" who go to Theology class with their high-heeled pumps.

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## Whatever happened to Mang Pandoy?

By Volt Contreras

MANG Pandoy has become an icon of token relief and unkept promises.

The sociology professor who discovered Mang Pandoy in the early '90s and gave a face to the poverty and hopelessness of many Fil-

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# 'Hostage to impeachment'

## Joker says Licuanan quit as GMA obliged her political allies in Subic

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Tonette Orejas

THE RESIGNATION of Francisco Licuanan III as chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) shows how President Macapagal-Arroyo has become hostage to the impeachment issue, Sen. Joker Arroyo said yesterday.

The senator said Licuanan, retired president of Ayala Land Inc. when he was tapped to head the SBMA less than a year ago, was an excellent choice and was respected and well-liked by Ms Arroyo as a professional with a vision for Subic.

"Unfortunately, some persons high up wanted control of Subic and were waving the flag of impeachment. The President yielded to effectively dilute Licuanan's powers as [SBMA chair]," Senator Arroyo said, adding:

"The President has become hostage to impeachment demands."

The maverick administration senator declined to name the persons who supposedly want to control Subic, but INQUIRER sources said political horse-trading had caused Licuanan's unexpected resignation.

A source said Licuanan quit when Ms Arroyo decided to appoint Armand Arreza, an SBMA director identified with Sen. Richard Gordon, as the replacement of SBMA Administrator Alfredo Antonio.

Another source close to Licuanan said he did not take it too well when Ms Arroyo bypassed his nominee, Roberto Garcia, president of automotive battery-maker Ramcar, and chose Arreza.

Yet another source confirmed that Arreza's appointment had caused Licuanan's departure, and said the turnover to Antonio would take place next week.

According to this source, Arreza is a brother-in-law of Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay, one of Ms Arroyo's staunchest defenders in the House.

As administrator, Arreza would be

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JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

**WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE LOW**
Low in wattage but high in aesthetics, lamps made of native materials in the colors of the rainbow are right up the alley of energy-conservation measures that will make President Arroyo glow with appreciation for one's cooperation in the nationwide campaign to save power. Sold on street stalls in Baclaran, the lamps cost from P100 to P300.

## 'GMA's crisis helped Fraport sell stake in Piatco'

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE WANING credibility of President Macapagal-Arroyo was instrumental in the sale of Fraport AG's stake in the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. Inc. consortium and is boosting million-dollar arbitration cases filed against the government, according to a legal consultant of Piatco.

Liwayway Vinzons-Chato, a lawyer for Piatco which built and was supposed to operate the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3, said a stake in Piatco had thus become attractive once again to investors like Emilio Yap's Manila Hotel Corp.

The Manila Hotel acquired Fraport's stake in the Piatco consortium for $200 million. Under the deal, the Manila Hotel would initially pay Fraport $50 million with the remaining $150 million to be paid within six months from the signing.

"These allegations of anomalies against the President is helping the arbitration cases. It shows that Piatco was one of those that was affected," said Chato in an interview.

Given uncertainties as to whether Ms Arroyo could finish her term, the Chinese-Filipino businessman could be bet-

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**SCHOOL ON WHEELS. Street children in Cebu City are collected every weekday by a bus which parks along Pier 6 of the Cebu International Port. There they learn the three "R's," and afterward get a hearty meal.** JOAN BONDOC

HERITAGE GOES TO THE DOGS

## Oldest dog, cat clinic closes down

By Corazon A. Ong
*Contributor*

ANOTHER bit of history is about to bite the dust.

After 78 years and a conservative estimate of 500,000 animals examined, treated, vaccinated and/or confined within its quarters, the Carlos Dog and Cat Clinic on 835 Romualdez (formerly Marquez de Comillas) St., Ermita, Manila, will close its doors at the end of the month.

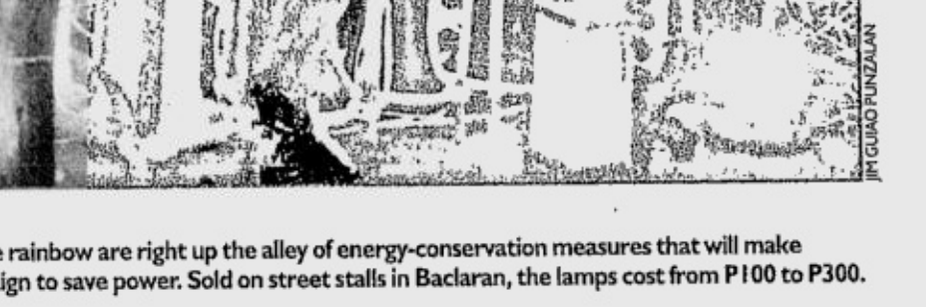
The building may also be demolished, depending on the wishes of its would-be owner. If this happens, the oldest dog and cat clinic in the Philippines and one of its pioneer veterinary hospitals will be gone for good.

Founded in 1927 by Dr. Sixto Almeda Carlos y Nepomuceno, the clinic had a change of name three times—from the original Veterinary Clinic to Sixto Carlos Dog and Cat Hospital in the late 1940s, Dog and Cat Hospital in the 1970s and finally, Carlos Dog and Cat Clinic in the 1990s.

The grandson and current owner, Dr. Enrique Carlos Jr., said that after his grandfather retired in 1955, his father, Enrique Carlos Sr., took over the clinic operations.

Both men have since passed on—Sixto in 1975 and Enrique Sr. in 2002.

Early this month we joined the founder's grandson for a tour of the clinic. He left ahead of us afterwards because, he said, seeing the old place made him sad.



**CIRCA 1940: The first dog and cat clinic founded by Dr. Sixto Almeda Carlos y Nepomuceno was located at 185 Marquez de Comillas (now Romualdez Street), Ermita, Manila. The first floor was the clinic and the second floor the residence of the Carlos family. Today the house, commandeered by the Japanese in the last war, looks rundown and haunting.** ***(See photo on Page A7)***

"I cannot maintain the clinic anymore," he said. "But I wish that for historical purposes, the government, through the National Historical Institute, would put a marker at the foot of the Romualdez Bridge citing the clinic's importance. It would be nice to have the marker in front of the property but whoever buys the place may not like the idea. A marker at the foot of the bridge would be good enough for our family."

Enrique Jr. recalled that the Philippines' first veterinary hospital was set up in 1916 by Dr. Victor Buencamino on Felix Huertas in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

"Before putting up his own clinic on Romualdez, my grandfather worked for some 10 years with Dr. Buencamino," Enrique Jr. said.

Sixto, an equine specialist who com-

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.
SOURCE: PAGASA

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# Opposition thumbs down truce

By Philip C. Tubeza and Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE IMPEACHMENT prosecution team yesterday turned down President Macapagal-Arroyo's call for a political truce, saying she should resign or take a leave of absence instead.

Taguig-Pateros Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano, the group's spokesperson, said the pro-impeachment congressmen would not favor a truce since the President stands accused of high crimes.

Ms Arroyo called for a truce after the country's economic situation worsened with the surge in crude oil prices to record levels in the world market.

"The best solution is for her to take a leave of absence or resign," Cayetano said.

"In principle, there is no disagreement on the need for national unity but that would be impossible with her since she has been accused of committing crimes like stealing, lying and cheating in the last elections," he said.

Cayetano said that agreeing to a truce would be tantamount to allowing the President to continue running the government like a "mafia" organization.

In the Senate, opposition leaders said the nation could unite to address the oil crisis once President Arroyo stepped down.

"A truce is welcome after Gloria is gone," said Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

Pimentel, Sen. Panfilo Lacson and Sen. Sergio Osmeña III called on Ms Arroyo to heed the calls for her resignation to allow all sectors to unite behind a new government and address the oil and other economic problems.

The President, who is facing impeachment over charges she stole last year's election and benefited from "jueteng" payola, appealed to her political foes for a truce to help the country weather the oil crisis.

Pimentel said a truce was a ploy to prolong Ms Arroyo's hold on power.

"Without legitimacy, she cannot solve the oil or other crises," Pimentel said.

"We are not going to unite behind a liar because that will make us all liars," he added.

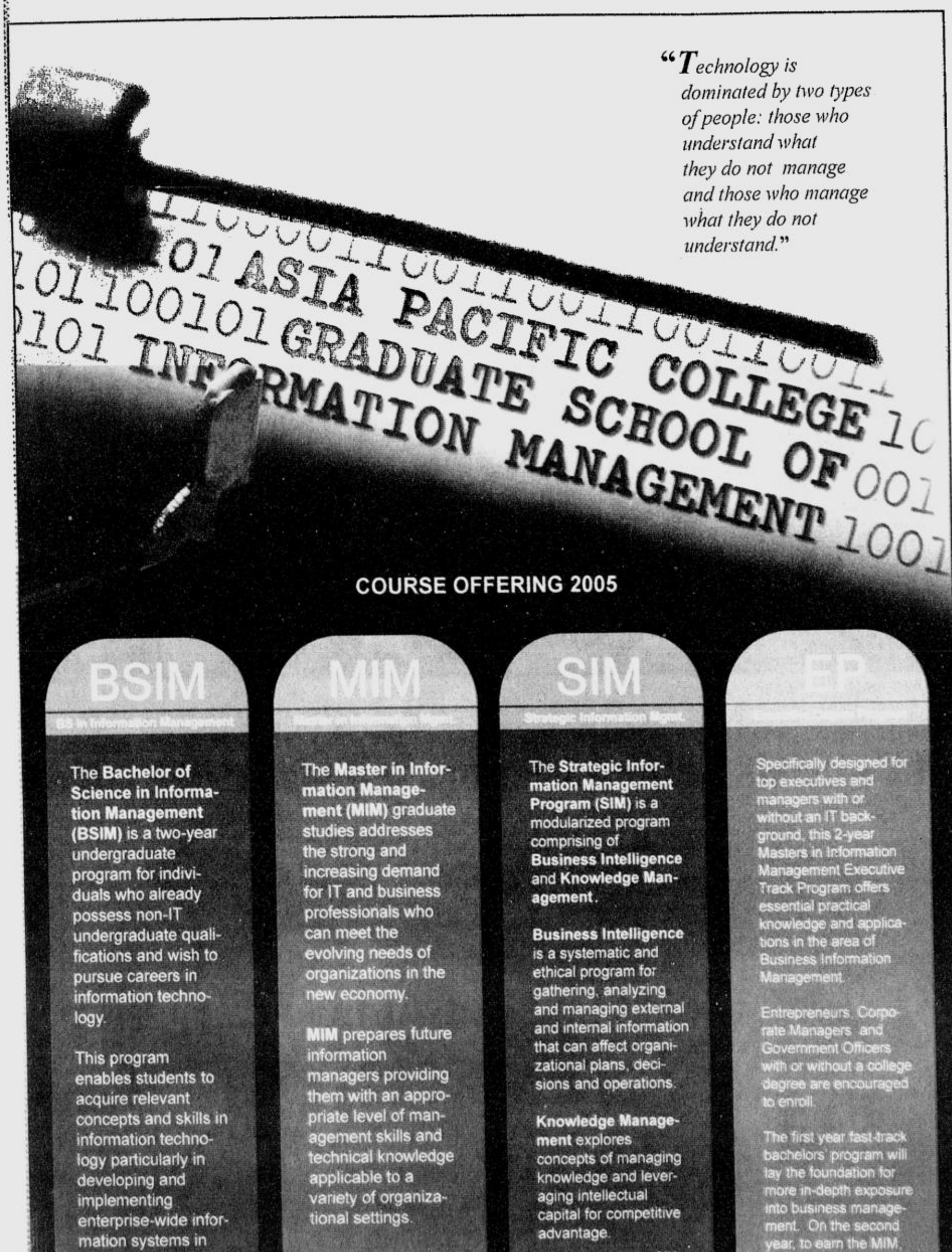
Lacson said the high oil prices were "not within our control" but everybody should help to cushion their impact on the lives of the people.

"The political crisis, on the other hand, was caused by GMA herself and a few cohorts," Lacson said.

Osmeña said Ms Arroyo continued to confuse the people.

"There can never be a truce in the fight against crime," Osmeña said, referring to the charges of electoral fraud and bribery from jueteng operators hounding Ms Arroyo.

"Her personal interest is not the public interest," Osmeña said.



# Reds present 10-pt 'instant' peace accord

COMMUNIST rebels yesterday pledged to end their 36-year insurgency if the government signs a peace agreement which they proposed.

The proposal from the National Democratic Front was contained in a 10-point peace accord, which the group unveiled for the first time yesterday.

The NDF is the political wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines. The CPP's military unit, the 8,000-member New People's Army, has been waging a Maoist guerrilla war since 1979.

"The civil war between the (government) and the NDF shall cease and a just peace shall ensue within the very day that the (government) and the NDF co-sign the proposed Concise Agreement for an Immediate Just Peace," said chief rebel negotiator Luis Jalandoni in a statement from the Dutch city of Utrecht where he lives in exile.

The proposed pact includes forming "a clean and honest coalition government" with "significant representation" of workers and peasants; canceling foreign debts; cutting military spending to provide funds for economic development; trying government officials for corruption, treason and human rights violations; and installing a truce between rebel and government forces.

Rene Sarmiento, President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief adviser on the peace process, said his initial reaction was to reject the coalition government idea. But he said he was optimistic the proposal could signal the rebels' willingness to resume the talks, stalled since last year.

"This (coalition government) is unacceptable because we have a process that we follow in our country," Sarmiento said. "If you want to assume governmental power, it should be through elections."

He said the proposed accord must still be discussed by the government's peace panel.

"At least this is a big change from the first statements, where they said they will not negotiate with this government," Sarmiento added. "To me, these are signals. I think it is a movement forward."

But at the same time the NDF sought a deal yesterday, CPP founder Jose Maria Sison called for massive protests to block the streets to Malacañang amid demands that Ms Arroyo leave office due to opposition charges that she cheated to win the May 2004 elections.

In a statement, Sison urged leftist groups to "stay the course in arousing and mobilizing people ... to a new and higher level until Arroyo understands that regime must end or else."

"The broad masses of the people can overthrow the Arroyo regime," Sison said, adding that "the best sight we would like to see is countless people occupying all the streets leading to the presidential palace from as far as several kilometers away."

The political opposition and NDF-allied groups have organized street rallies calling for the President's ouster but the demonstrations have failed to draw large numbers of participants.

Ms Arroyo has denied any wrongdoing and refused to resign.

Peace talks between Manila and the rebels have been suspended several times since they began in 1986. *AP, AFP*

# Monday a holiday

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita to draft an order declaring Aug. 29, Monday, a public holiday in observance of National Heroes' Day.

The President gave the order two days after Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that Monday would be a regular working day because Heroes' Day was normally observed on the last Sunday of August.

Ermita told reporters the President called him about the change in holiday plans only yesterday at 6 p.m. Ermita could not give a reason for the President's sudden change of mind although he maintained that it was her prerogative to declare any day a holiday.

Bunye sent a text message to reporters saying Ermita's proclamation order would follow. *Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

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# Chinese firm to hunt for oil, gas in Spratlys

BEIJING – A Chinese firm has won a joint contract from the state oil companies of the Philippines, China and Vietnam to search for oil and gas in the disputed Spratly Islands off the South China Sea, state media said Saturday.

China Oilfield Services Ltd. (COS), a subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC), was given the go-ahead to explore around the disputed island chain after the agreement by the three nationalized conglomerates, Xinhua news agency said.

CNOOC, Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC), and Vietnam Oil and Gas Corp., also known as PetroVietnam, agreed in March to conduct seismic work programs – setting off explosions to monitor the shock waves for pockets of oil and gas – over three years over an area of about 143,000 sq. km.

A CNOOC official hailed the contract, saying it was an important step by the three countries to jointly implement the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, Xinhua said.

The declaration, signed between China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2002, is a major political document on peacefully resolving disputes in the resource-rich South China Sea, it said.

Besides the three countries, Brunei, Malaysia and Taiwan also have claims to the Spratly Islands. All claimants, except Brunei, have stationed troops on parts of the archipelago.

Analysts say the joint exploration of the region surrounding the Spratlys is part of China's quest for energy to run its booming economy.

The exploration award was announced only weeks after CNOOC's $18.5 billion bid to buy US-based Unocal was turned down by shareholders of the American company.

It also comes after the China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC) announced this week that it would buy Calgary-based PetroKazakhstan Inc. for $4.18 billion.

Under the bid awarded Friday, COS would handle a two-dimensional seismic exploration project, Xinhua said. No information was given on how much the deal was worth to the company.

The three national oil companies have also agreed to a more detailed three-dimensional project, but it was not immediately clear if a contract had been awarded.

Listed in Hong Kong in 2002, the COS is China's largest offshore oil field services company, with a 65 percent stake held by the CNOOC.

Meanwhile, Beijing News said CNOOC had entered into a deal with a top Australian engineering firm to build a 17 billion yuan ($2 billion) oil refinery in the southern province of Guangdong. *AFP*

# Imee hurt by reference to pa's debt

**By Norman Bordadora**

ILOCOS Norte Rep. Imee Marcos yesterday took offense at the reference to the multibillion dollar foreign debt incurred during the regime of her late father.

The Arroyo administration will devote a huge chunk of its proposed P1.05 trillion 2006 budget to debt servicing amid calls for debt relief, particularly those incurred during the 21-year regime of the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

"The records would show that by the end of 1986, the total foreign debt at that time was $26 billion, with $12 billion in the government sector and $14 billion in the private sector," said Marcos at the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo news forum.

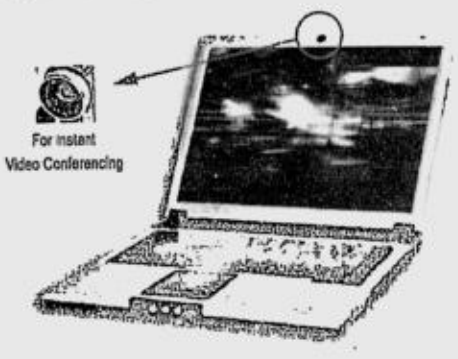
"At P15 to $1 exchange rate, that would translate to around P390 billion, so far removed from the trillions (in debt) that we are talking about under the Arroyo administration," Marcos said.

The outstanding public sector debt stood at P5.3 trillion in December last year.

Malacañang has proposed that the government pay P721 billion in debt payments for next year. This includes P340 billion for interest payments and P381 billion for principal amortization.

"We must pay our past and present obligations. Otherwise, we will face severe economic sanctions that will only ruin the economy," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a media briefing last week.

Among these loans is the one that funded the since-mothballed Bataan Nuclear Power Plant that the government continues to pay for to date and which was built during the extended Marcos term from 1965 to 1986.

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# Al-Qaida targeting RP — report

SEOUL – Al-Qaida has listed the United States and Australia as prime targets for attacks this year along with Britain, South Korea's spy agency has reported, according to a lawmaker on Saturday.

The Philippines, South Korea and Japan are secondary targets, South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) told parliament this week, quoting a "senior" al-Qaida member arrested last month.

"According to NIS, this terrorist testified that the Philippines, South Korea and Japan are secondary targets, while the United States, Britain and Australia are the prime targets for this year," a lawmaker told AFP.

NIS did not reveal the name of the al-Qaida member, where he was arrested or what country handed over the information, according to the lawmaker sitting on the National Assembly's intelligence committee, who requested anonymity.

The comments come after the Financial Times quoted French investigating magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere as saying that an Asia-Pacific financial center such as Sydney, Tokyo or Singapore could be targeted by Al-Qaida extremists.

NIS told the committee that security officials were on alert for attacks in South Korea, which is hosting an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in the southern port of Busan in November.

The Philippines, South Korea and Japan have all contributed troops to the US-led war in Iraq. South Korea, which like Japan hosts US military bases, has 3,600 troops in Iraq, the third-largest contingent after the United States and Britain.

Britain has already been targeted by extremists this year with 56 people dying in the July 7 bombing of three subway trains and a double-decker bus in London.

Australia's Prime Minister John Howard on Friday acknowledged his country was a possible terror target as he responded to the Financial Times report. *AFP*

# Bong Pineda's SUVs yield 6 firearms

**By Dona Z. Pazzibugan**

TWO DRIVERS of alleged "jueteng" lord Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda were detained briefly at Camp Crame after six firearms were found inside two luxury vehicles owned by Pineda at a police checkpoint in Quezon City Friday night.

Elements of the Traffic Management Group (TMG) saw two long and four short firearms inside two Ford Expedition sport utility vehicles sporting plate numbers XKW-204 and WFV-995.

Pineda was not in either vehicle, according to Supt. Lorenzo Holanday, TMG chief.

Holanday said the vehicles were stopped at a checkpoint at the corner of Roces and Tomas Morato avenues at around 11:45 p.m.

The two drivers, Ronaldo Bunalado and Romeo Trinidad, were briefly detained at police headquarters but were released after police confirmed the firearms were licensed to Pineda, Holanday said.

The police, however, confiscated the sirens and flashers on both vehicles.

Pineda has been investigated by the Senate blue ribbon committee for allegedly running illegal gambling operations in several provinces but nothing came of the inquiry and he has never been charged in court.

He was in the headlines again recently in connection with allegations he had contributed a huge sum to ensure President Macapagal-Arroyo's victory in last year's elections.

# Bank welcomes irate parents' suit

RIZAL Commercial Banking Corp. vice chair Cesar Virata said yesterday the bank was prepared to clear itself of any charges the planholders' group Parents Enabling Parents Coalition may bring against the bank in connection with the group's standoff with Pacific Plans Inc. (PPI).

Virata was reacting to PEPC's reported intention to file a complaint against RCBC with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on allegations the bank had violated BSP rules. RCBC is the trustee bank of PPI, which has been having difficulty paying the tuition of its planholders.

"We welcome this move as an opportunity for us to clear the bank of any allegations," said Virata. "Our track record will show RCBC's integrity as one of the most trusted banking institutions in the country."

"While we hope that some amicable settlement can still be achieved between PPI and PEPC, our integrity as part of the Yuchengco group must not be compromised by this issue," he said.

Philip Piccio, PEPC president, said last week negotiations with PPI had broken down after company officials led by Helen Yuchengco-Dee, Yuchengco Group of Companies president, refused to consider other sources to pay off PPI planholders. YGC owns and controls PPI.

# Jarque pa raps meddling politicos

**By Fe Zamora and TJ Burgonio**

THE FATHER of former Army Capt. Rene Jarque, retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque, has appealed to the military leadership to institute reforms and insulate the troops in "illegal and immoral orders" from politicians.

The older Jarque issued the appeal during the necrological rites Friday night where his son's classmates from the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) also vowed to continue the "unfinished business" of weeding out corruption from the military, an advocacy the younger Jarque left behind when he died on Aug. 19 at age 40.

"Now that you are gone, Rene, I am appealing to the AFP to assess the present situation," the older Jarque said. "Don't allow the politicians to meddle, these politicians who look at the AFP as mere robots they can order around."

His voice cracking with emotion, Jarque told the mourners, who included newly installed Army chief Maj. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, to look at the kind of orders given to the troops.

"Orders should be legal and moral. Other than that, do not obey orders," the older Jarque said.

Representing their "Sinagtala" PMA Class of 1986, Lt.Col. Paul Ferozaldo Regencia, vowed to continue Jarque's advocacy to weed out graft and corruption in the military.

"We promise to pick up the cudgels that you used to bear alone," Regencia said before a full-packed St. Michael's chapel in Fort Bonifacio, where the necrological rites were held.

Yesterday, the officer who tried to reform the military was buried a hero.

Jarque, who won the admiration of the public but earned the ire of his superiors for openly speaking out against corruption, was buried with full military honors at high noon at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Jarque, who served in the Armed Forces after graduating from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1986 but quit in 1998 out of disillusionment, died after suffering cardiac arrest in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Officers from Class '86 and Army Scout Rangers, who trained and fought with the officer in the field, presided over the funeral honors for their late comrade.

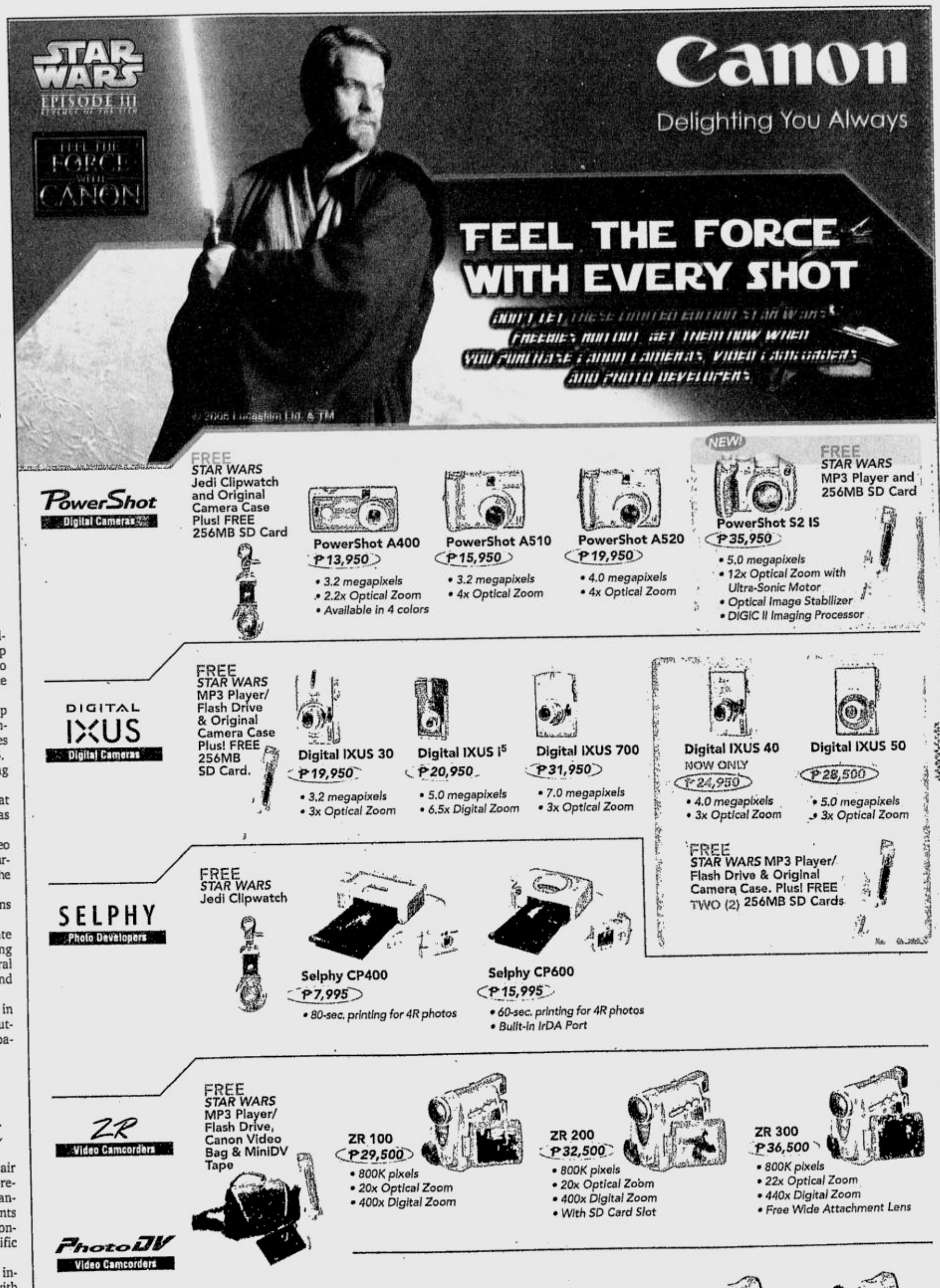
After the final prayers and viewing of his remains under a pitched tent, Jarque's light brown casket was moved to the open grave.

At this point, 10 of Jarque's stood over his casket, spread the Philipine flag, held it aloft with one hand and executed a snappy salute as the band played taps.

As his wife Gay and their three children, his parents, other relatives and friends choked back tears, a cackle of gunfire pierced the air in a 21-gun salute.

Shortly after, the 10 uniformed military officers, led by Lt. Col. Pablo Lorenzo, folded the Philippine flag and passed it among themselves after pressing it close to their chest.

Also seen at the interment were retired Generals Fortunato Abat and Nicasio Rodriguez, Isabela Gov. Grace Padaca, a friend of the young Jarque from way back in the late '80s, and Akbayan Rep. Rissa Hontiveros-Baraquel, whose late husband Frank was a member of PMA Class of 1986.

# Hostage to impeachment issue

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technically subordinate to Licuanan, but the latter felt that Arreza would "follow Gordon's orders" and not his, according to the first source.

The source said Licuanan had learned from Tom Alcantara, a close adviser of the President, that Gordon pushed for Arreza's appointment so he could regain "control" of the free port.

"Gordon said he needs Subic because he needs money for the next election [for mayor of Olongapo] to defeat [Zambales Gov. Vicente] Magsaysay," Alcantara reportedly said.

## Not running

Gordon, who served as the first chair of the SBMA, vehemently denied the allegation that he needed funds to run for mayor of Olongapo.

"What election? I'm not running in the next election," said Gordon, who was elected senator in 2004 and whose term will last up to 2010. "We've always ran in Olongapo and we never needed money for that."

He said not even his wife Kate wanted to run for any post: "In fact, the President wants Kate to be chair [of SBMA] but she doesn't want it."

Gordon said Arreza was his finance director in the SBMA during his term. But he said he had recommended Inky Reyes, not Arreza, to the post of SBMA administrator.

The source said Licuanan had been told that Arreza would "follow" his, and not Gordon's, orders.

But Licuanan was reportedly unconvinced, and felt that his plan for the SBMA and the Subic-Clark development program would be put in peril with Arreza's appointment.

When Licuanan's concerns were conveyed to the President, she reportedly said: "Because of the impeachment, I have to give way."

"Can you imagine giving Subic to Gordon because his vote is needed [in case the impeachment case reaches the Senate]?" the source said.

## 'Leaking falsehoods'

Joker Arroyo assailed the Palace for the earlier statement of an unnamed top official that Licuanan quit because he "did not have a taste for bureaucratic life," that he could not handle the heavy workload at the SBMA, and that its setting was just "too stressful" for him.

"Malacanang must learn to be prudent and just keep quiet when [it] cannot tell the truth instead of leaking, through so-called sources, falsehoods about why Francisco Licuanan resigned," the senator said.

He said Licuanan was "too decent a man to state the true reason for his resignation."

"He won't do a Hyatt 10," Senator Arroyo said, referring to the economic managers and Cabinet officials who quit last month and demanded Ms Arroyo's resignation.

"But this episode, with the President faced with impeachment, is being replicated with such frequency. This messy impeachment should be put to an end one way or the other before it ruins the country," the senator said.

## 'Wrong impressions'

In an interview with the INQUIRER yesterday in Pampanga, all Licuanan wanted to talk about were the "wrong impressions" that he did not like the bureaucratic setup and that he couldn't stand up to the pressures of being SBMA chair.

"I was quite happy with my job," he declared. "In fact, I was exhilarated by the accomplishments we've made. We've been gaining momentum and embarking on new initiatives."

These include starting the budget flights at the Clark Special Economic Zone, restructuring the joint-venture project with a Taiwanese group, and getting more investments, he said.

"I was not born to a rich life, so I can take pressure and hard work," Licuanan said, adding that he would return to the private sector.

A top SBMA official close to Licuanan said Gordon's "insistence to put his trusted guy there, one who was not acceptable" to Licuanan, caused the latter's resignation.

"He believes that appointments should be made on the basis of qualifications, not political connections or considerations," the official said.

Clark Development Corp. (CDC) president Antonio Ng described Licuanan as an "honorable and professional executive whose primary interest is the common good," and said he was a "great loss."

CDC vice president Victor Jose Luciano called Licuanan a "vital, credible and respected link" of the CDC to the Arroyo Cabinet.

## Control of SBMA

Gordon reportedly wanted control of SBMA to protect his hold on Olongapo.

His brother, Olongapo Mayor James Gordon, is reportedly threatened by the plan of Governor Magsaysay to run for mayor in 2007.

Magsaysay's daughter-in-law, Ma. Milagros "Mitos" Magsaysay, defeated Kate Gordon in the last election in the first congressional district of Zambales.

Gordon was not amused by the accusations.

"I gave the best years of my life to Subic and I suffered so much pain. I haven't returned to my house there in seven years," he said, recalling how then President Joseph Estrada forcibly ousted him from the SBMA and replaced him with Felicito Payumo in 1998.

But Gordon said he was happy with the choice of Arreza as new SBMA administrator.

Arreza was tourism undersecretary when Gordon was secretary, but he resigned after Gordon quit to run for the Senate.

Gordon said Arreza had solid credentials; was among the first volunteers at Subic, joining him as his finance director right after graduating from the Ateneo in 1993 with a degree in industrial engineering, and studied at the prestigious Wharton School in the United States.

"Who better to put there than someone who had sacrificed for Subic right from the start?" he said in a phone interview with the INQUIRER.

## Inky Reyes

But for all that, Gordon said he had nominated Inky Reyes who, according to sources, was related to someone close to Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

Gordon said that when Alfredo Antonio said he would resign as SBMA administrator to join the Monetary Board, he asked that Reyes be named to replace him.

"And I did not recommend that [Licuanan] be removed," Gordon said.

He said he phoned Licuanan when he learned about the latter's resignation.

He quoted Licuanan as saying that he (Gordon) would have control of the SBMA through Arreza.

"I think he (Licuanan) does not want someone to challenge him," Gordon said. *With a report from Gil Cabacungan Jr.*

# SWS: Lawyers enjoy more amenities than judges

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percent have fax machines in their salas, according to a survey by the Social Weather Stations.

The surveyed judges, however, were proud to report that 76 percent of them had computers and 66 percent had telephones.

The SWS released these findings on Friday, as part of its 2003-2004 surveys on the state of the judiciary and the legal profession.

The pollster mailed the questionnaires to all 1,460 judges in the regional trial court level and below. Some 889 respondents or 61 percent sent back valid replies.

To assess the level of court logistics, the judges were presented a list of items (computer, phone, car, fax, etc.) and then they were asked to indicate "if [they] have access to the following in [their] offices."

Majority of the judges also indicated that they lacked the legal publications needed to help them decide on pending cases.

Less than half or 43 percent said their offices kept volumes of the Supreme Court Reports Annotated, the compilation of SC decisions. Only 19 percent said they had the earlier legal tome, the Philippine Reports.

In a parallel SWS survey of 400 lawyers in four key cities (Metro Manila, Baguio, Davao and Cebu), it was learned that the attorneys had more amenities than the judges.

Eighty-eight percent of the lawyers said they had computers, 91 percent had telephones and 74 percent had fax machines.

Nearly half or 47 percent of the lawyers polled had company cars.

More lawyers were "wired," too—58 percent said they worked in offices that had e-mail and Internet access.

And compared to judges, fewer lawyers had problems getting their hands on legal references; 72 percent said they had SCRAs in the workplace, while 48 percent had Philippine Reports.

## Not prevalent

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, who has been practicing law for more than 40 years, yesterday took exception to the results of an SWS survey which showed that corruption in the judiciary remained high, with half of the lawyers polled saying judges received bribes.

In a telephone interview with the INQUIRER, Gonzalez said the practice was no longer prevalent.

"There is always some truth to it, but I don't think it's that prevalent. I have been a practitioner for more than 40 years, and during that time ... I have not encountered [an actual case of a judge allowing himself to be bribed]," he said.

He also said that lawyers and clients may have been duped by people who collected or accepted money for judges, but the money never reached their intended beneficiaries.

"This is why lawyers and even clients are wary of arrangements like this," Gonzalez said.

The practice is called *bukol* (bump in the head). According to an anti-corruption book produced by the Jesuits, *bukol* occurs when media people fail "to get a share of the largesse being distributed by politicians and other news sources."

Gonzalez explained: "When you speak of an attempt to corrupt a judge, you don't go straight to the judge—you look for a third party, a *kumpare* (friend). However, you are not sure if what you give [the kumpare] actually goes to the judge," he said. "*Yun ang mahirap doon* (That's the problem)."

He said there's *bukol* in government corruption as well. "You are never sure if the money actually went to the intended party."

## Not fool-proof

Besides, he said, bribing judges, especially in the lower courts, was not a foolproof way of ensuring that a case would be won. It could still go to the higher courts—the Sandiganbayan (in graft cases), the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court.

"When you go to the CA, you have to approach three justices, in the Sandiganbayan, three justices, and in the SC, five or 15 justices [sitting in an en banc session]. It's quite hard. It's a big waste of money if in the end you end up losing the case," he said.

For his part—having defended clients before the lower courts, the Sandiganbayan, the CA and the Supreme Court—Gonzalez said the best way to win a case was through "merit."

Lawyers must work hard and be well-prepared to defend their cases, he said.

A FOND farewell to a fellow "mistah," (retired) Capt. Rene Jarque who was laid to rest at the Libingan ng mga Bayani after funeral rites at St. Michael's Parish in Fort Bonifacio. (Story on Page A5) RAFFY LERMA

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 28, 2005
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

There is a fire burning in my heart
Yahweh, you have seduced me and I let myself be seduced.
You have taken me by force and prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; they all make fun of me,
for every time I speak I have to shout, "Violence! Devastation!"
Yahweh's word has brought me insult and derision all day long.
So I decided to forget about him and speak no more in his name.
But his word in my heart becomes like a fire burning deep within my bones.
I try so hard to hold it in, but I cannot do it.

**2nd Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

Offer your life as a sacrifice
I beg you, dearly beloved, by the mercy of God, to give yourselves as a living and holy sacrifice pleasing to God: such is the worship of a rational being. Don't let yourselves be shaped by the world where you live, but rather be transformed through the renewal of your mind. You must discern the will of God: what is good, what pleases, what is perfect.

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

Take up your cross and follow me
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem; he would suffer many things from the Jewish authorities, the chief priests and the teachers of the Law. He would be killed and be raised on the third day.
Then Peter took him aside and began to reproach him, "Never, Lord! No, this must never happen to you." But Jesus turned to him and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You would have me stumble. You are their king not as God does, but as people do."
Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. For whoever chooses to save his life will lose it, but the one who loses his life for my sake will find it. What will one gain by winning the whole world if he destroys himself? There is nothing you can give to recover your own self.
"Know that the Son of Man will come in the Glory of his Father with the holy angels, and he will reward each one according to his deeds."

**Commentary**

*We must hear again Jesus trying to make clear to his disciples that he is going to Jerusalem and there he will be rejected, suffer many things, be murdered and rise again. And Peter, though they all feel the same way, reproaches Jesus and tries to take him aside and basically tell him to shut up and stop saying those things. He's frightening them and discouraging them. Jesus is clear: Peter is a stumbling block, a rock getting in the way of God's will and the way of the cross and the Resurrection. He's thinking like the world, not like God. Jesus is the Son of Man, not a worldly king and his ways are drastically different than the power bases of kings, governments and armies and nations. His power is revealed in suffering, in resistance to evil that does no harm to others and in forgiveness and mercy even for enemies as well as for friends who betray and desert him. Each will have to decide whether to stand with Jesus or against him. We must decide with every event of the world, every decision, relationship and circumstance. Are we stumbling blocks to the coming of justice and peace—God's way in the world?*

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# 'GMA's crisis helped Fraport sell stake in Piatco'

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ting on a scenario where a new administration would undo the Supreme Court's decision, she added.

Ms Arroyo is facing impeachment for allegedly rigging the results of the 2004 elections, among others. The Naia Terminal 3 project was one of the controversial contracts cited in the impeachment complaint filed against the President.

Piatco's contract with the government was nullified by the Supreme Court in May 2003. In August of the same year, Fraport filed an arbitration case with the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes and sought reimbursement of its $425 million investment in Naia Terminal 3.

Chato said there had been indications that the arbitration courts would rule in favor of the private firm.

## Good investment

"Buying Fraport's stake for $200 million is a good investment. Mr. Yap is an astute businessman, maybe he knows where the arbitration case is going," she said.

In a statement, German airport operator Fraport said it had accepted the offer of the Manila Hotel to buy its stake in Piatco for $200 million.

The German firm did not say whether it sold all its stake in the joint venture with Filipino investors led by the Cheng family, which, if computed would amount to about 80 percent of Piatco although its direct equity was only 30 percent.

Of the 60 percent stake in Piatco controlled by Filipino investors, the German firm still has a substantial stake. Ten percent of Piatco is owned by Nissho Iwai Corp. of Japan.

It did not also say whether the sale would put an end to its arbitration case before the World Bank court in Washington.

A source revealed that the deal between Fraport and Manila Hotel was clinched in a meeting four days ago.

The Romulo Mabanta Law Office acted as counsel for the Manila Hotel on the transaction with Fraport, according to Chato.

Yap, who is also into publishing and banking, bought Fraport's stake for less than half of what Fraport was seeking in compensation.

There were rumors that Fraport was able to collect an unspecified amount in insurance for its failed investment in Naia 3, which was why it agreed to sell to Yap for less than half of the $425 million it had invested.

This amount comprised 80 percent of the $525 million that Piatco had filed for arbitration before a Singapore court in February 2003.

"My kudos to Mr. Yap because this move shows foreign investors that there are still local investors who believe in the project. It shows the project is worth fighting for," said Chato.

## Lucio Tan factor

Other sources, however, said that Yap's move was done out of spite. The businessman is reportedly not in good terms with taipan Lucio Tan who owns Philippine Airlines.

But Chato said the Tan factor may only be incidental to Yap. "Will you spend $200 million just because you have a fight with somebody."

But there are sources who suspect that Yap could just be fronting for other interests, including the government, especially if part of the agreement in the sale would be to withdraw the arbitration case.

## Other interested parties

"We cannot discount the possibility that Yap is just fronting for somebody. There are many parties interested in Naia 3 up to now," said a source familiar with the Naia 3 project.

Asia's Emerging Dragons Corp., the joint venture of six taipans who proposed to construct the Naia 3 project in 1993 under a build-operate-transfer scheme, had apparently not lost interest.

But AEDC now is mostly associated with Tan's PAL, according to sources.

The other taipans like Henry Sy, John Gokongwei, Alfonso Yuchengco, Andrew Gotianun and George Ty appear to have backed out.

AEDC failed to bag the project in 1996 after its offer was matched by the consortium of PairCargo and its partner Fraport which eventually formed the Piatco consortium.

For a time, even Enrique Razon, owner of International Container Terminal Services Inc. and an ally of Ms Arroyo, was rumored to want to get into Piatco, a source said.

After its investment in Naia 3 turned sour, Fraport became disgusted with the Philippines. The German firm opted to write off its investment in Naia 3 in March 2003 due to the controversy.

The government, it said, never offered just compensation even after it took over the airport facility last December.

The government took over the terminal after the Pasay Regional Trial Court granted its petition to expropriate Naia 3 and offered a P3 billion ($53.57 million) downpayment to Piatco as compensation.

Fraport described the takeover as "another in a series of unlawful acts by the Philippines."

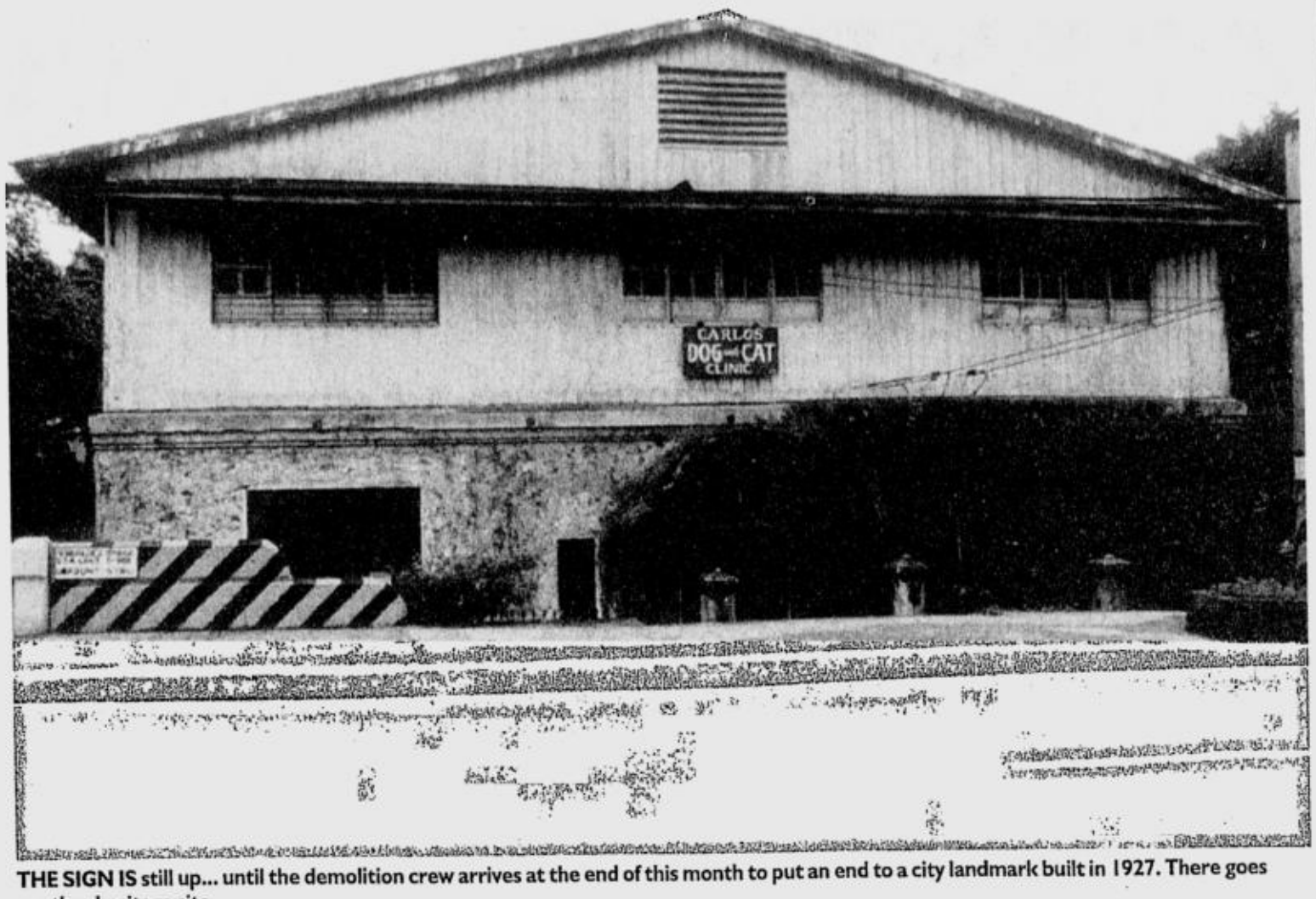
In January 2005, the Pasig RTC ordered the government, specifically the Land Bank of the Philippines-Baclaran branch, to immediately release the amount of $62.34 million to Piatco as partial payment. But this was stopped by the Supreme Court.

## When will it open?

When it took over the facility last December, the Arroyo administration promised to open the airport in June. The timetable has since been moved and now, nobody can say exactly when it would finally open.

An understanding with Japanese firm Takenaka Corp. to finish loose ends in Naia 3 was supposed to have been clinched in June but has not been signed up to now.

The new terminal was built to replace Naia 1, which is more than two decades old. Naia Terminal 3 is designed to handle 28 aircraft at once and 13 million passengers a year.



**THE SIGN IS** still up... until the demolition crew arrives at the end of this month to put an end to a city landmark built in 1927. There goes another heritage site.

# Oldest dog, cat clinic closes down

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pleted his studies in the United States in 1916, started his veterinary practice by treating mostly horses.

Apart from running the clinic and looking after the racehorses at the San Lazaro race track, he also provided free consultation services to *cochero* or *calesa* owners every Tuesday and Thursday morning in Quiapo.

## Losing proposition

The Carlos family has two other small animal clinics—one in Sucat, Parañaque, and the other in Bel-Air, Makati.

Enrique Jr. said business had been slow at the Romualdez clinic for a couple of years now. Last year, the family decided to put the 1,500-square-meter property, which includes a house at the back, on the market.

"The clinic's more than 30 cages used to be full in the old days," he recalled. "Nowadays, we're lucky to have one or two animal occupants. Around 5 to 10 occupants would still be OK, but one or two is already a losing proposition."

Enrique Jr. noted that from a residential-commercial area, the place had become an industrial hub, with cargo trucks and container vans passing through daily.

"The place is no longer conducive for business," he said. "Besides, animal clinics now abound in Metro Manila. We are losing at least P20,000 a month."

## Clinic staff

The clinic has a spacious reception area, an office, two consultation rooms, a surgery room, a huge kennel with over 30 aluminum cages, a kitchen, and a room that used to serve as shampoo and grooming area for the animals.

The staff is composed of Dr. Enrico Umali, a veterinarian, and two animal handlers/caretakers—Angelacio Artaban (or Mang Asiong) and Ermelo Corimo (or Milo).

Umali is leaving for Canada soon, Enrique Jr. said.

He added: "I do not want to train another veterinarian. That's another reason why we're closing down the clinic.

"Milo will be absorbed at the Makati clinic. Mang Asiong, who has already retired but keeps coming back, might settle in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, his home province, for good.

"Of course, I also told him that he is always welcome to join the Makati clinic."

Mang Asiong, who is unmarried, is like family to the Carloses, having been in their employ for some 40 years now.

## Happy memories

The clinic holds happy memories for Enrique Jr. After all, it used to be home to him and the other members of the clan.

He remembers the long dining table that could seat 12 people at a time. He also remembers the grand celebrations in the house—the birthday parties and the barrio fiesta that the Club Alegre (Happiness Club), an association formed by his father and friends, held in the 1950s.

He showed us pictures of the barrio fiesta, where all the women, led by his mother, wore beautiful Filipina dresses, like the *terno* and *baro't saya*.

For Dr. Sixto Carlos, however, the clinic was both home and office.

Recalled Enrique Jr.: "My *lolo* decided to live on the upper floor of the building so it would be easy for him to run the clinic on the ground floor. As early as four in the morning, he would be awake and ready to receive clients. The clinic was open every day."

**CIRCA 1948. Dr. Sixto Almeda Carlos and son Dr. Enrique R. Carlos who took over the practice from his father. The latter's son, Enrique Jr. now runs a dog and cat clinic in Makati (top photo).**

## Wartime

During World War II, the original building was used by the Japanese forces as their communication station.

It was burned down during the American liberation of Manila in 1944.

"The Japanese drove my grandfather away so the whole family evacuated to our hometown of Biñan, Laguna, where we stayed for about a year and a half until the war ended," Enrique Jr. said.

As part of reparations, the US Army had the building rebuilt after the war.

After retiring in 1955, the clinic's founder, together with some members of the clan, moved to a house in Leveriza, Manila. His son, Enrique Sr., remained with his family on Romualdez and took over the clinic.

"There were two houses at the back—one was used by our family, and the other one by the stay-in staff, including the secretary and the animal caretakers," Enrique Jr. recounted.

Now, only their house remains.

# Whatever happened to Mang Pandoy?

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ipinos now shows the least faith in the politicians to whom he once entrusted the tragic man's redemption.

Never again play the "patronage game" that lifted Pandoy out of poverty for a brief moment but turned him into a disillusioned man in the end, political analyst and award-winning columnist Randy David said in a recent talk before a youth organization in Makati.

## 'As if gov't doesn't exist'

Speaking to members of RockEd (Rock Society Through Education), David urged his audience to proceed with their projects to uplift communities "as if the government does not exist."

His views seem to have veered radically from when he introduced Felipe "Pandoy" Natano to the public during a televised presidential debate in 1992. Serving as the host back then, David asked the candidates how they would "solve a problem like Mang Pandoy's."

Natano—the gaunt-faced vegetable grower from Quezon City who confided to David his willingness to be shot dead by any thrill-seeking gun owner just to earn some hefty cash for his family—remains as "cynical" as ever, David said at the young volunteers forum recently.

Speaking as an elder convenor of RockEd, David was asked how ordinary Filipinos could directly be involved in nation-building when public officials always cited lack of funds and support from their higher-ups or the central government as an obstacle to their efforts.

## Elders' despair

"The short answer to your question is that we all have to pretend at this point in our national history that we don't have a government. So that we're rebuilding the government from below and that's the only way to proceed, to my mind," David said.

Before an audience of students, artists, young professionals, teachers and entrepreneurs, David said he was glad to see citizens "undeterred by the problems created by our politicians."

Teresita Ang See, an anti-crime crusader from the Chinese-Filipino community, told the gathering: "I agree with Randy. It's heartwarming to see people moving on despite the government. I hope you're not tainted by our despair and disillusionment."

## Daughter and son

Ang See's daughter Meah and David's son CP—both educators—are among the convenors of RockEd, a group which has been touring campuses in Metro Manila and some provinces in the past three months to promote good citizenship and patriotism among the youth.

With over 500 volunteers, RockEd basically aims to help social studies teachers make their lessons more hip for the so-called MTV generation, by incorporating music and artistic performances in their talks.

The core group also includes communications' Gang Badoy, daughter of retired Sandiganbayan justice Anacleto Badoy; IT entrepreneur Jaime Garchitorena, whose late father, Francis, was a Sandiganbayan presiding justice, and Ani Almario, book publisher and daughter of National Artist for Literature Rio Alma.

## Problem of fragmentation

David stressed in an INQUIRER interview that "many things actually can be done at a lower level of the national community that need not reach every congressman or every agency of government."

Basic concerns like garbage collection, street children, peace and order, maintenance of parks, and local libraries can be addressed if only local residents organize themselves and overcome their "fragmentation."

He recalled with amusement how his neighbors in one of the barangays around the University of the Philippines found it odd—if not intriguing—when one day he decided to spruce up a portion of a nearby park by cutting the grass and sweeping it clean himself.

He said his neighbors thought he was about to "claim" that side of the park. And when he proposed that they clean other portions of the park, David said, he was reminded that "it's no longer part of our area."

## Gated subdivisions

"I really lament the death of communities. It has encouraged selfishness and lack of caring and solidarity that troubles the entire nation today," he added.

A clear indicator of how communities have lost cohesion are the proliferation of gated subdivisions around the country and the employment of thousands of security guards to protect them "against the outside world."

These private guards may now even outnumber the Armed Forces of the Philippines, he wryly noted.

"You can do your part without relying too much in government. You can do certain things that can be done democratically at the lower levels of the community," he said.

## Poisonous politics

"If you rely on the mayor, it's bound to politicize the entire thing and you would not like that. I knew of many school buildings that had been built on the initiative of ordinary citizens in different parts of the country without having to rely on the mayor."

David added: "Politics of patronage poisons everything in this country and it's no longer appropriate for governance in the modern age."

If a community's needs requires funding, David said the private sector could be tapped.

"Every town or village of this country has a prominent citizen born in that place who can be contacted to help. He need not be the source of the money but can be the focal point [of efforts to raise funds]."

As for Mang Pandoy, David said the man offered a stark example of "the political approach to poverty."

"He still feels defeated. He thinks he was used by politicians," he said, recalling that after Pandoy's TV debut in 1992, he became a "mascot" of the Ramos administration's anti-poverty program.

Pandoy was given a public affairs talk show on the government TV station along with actress Tetchie Agbayani, for which he got paid around P8,000 a month.

## Swallowed up by the system

But for David, his precious find just became "a decoration there. I was very unhappy. It was just emblematic of the political approach to poverty. It was just mere charity."

By the end of Ramos' term, Pandoy had slowly faded back into obscurity, largely depicted in the media as someone who had wasted the special government attention he got—an icon of token relief and unkept promises.

"He ended up playing the patronage game himself, which, instead of empowering him, made him very dependent on charity," David said. "His kids married young and dropped out of school after all the scholarships we got for them."

The professor first met Mang Pandoy in 1991. He often bought the vegetables that the man grew on a patch of UP property along Commonwealth Avenue, just across from the Iglesia ni Cristo central church. After several days of not seeing Pandoy in his garden, David learned that the farmer had fallen ill with allergies caused by pesticides.

## Target for joy-killers

He went to see the ailing Pandoy in his shanty and brought him to the hospital. It was then that Pandoy shared his morbid thoughts on how he could ease his family's lot: Would the kind professor find him "somebody who wants to kill a person" so he could offer himself as a target for P100,000?

"For me it was a sharp condemnation of our society," David said in hindsight. "How come we now have people like him? How come he thought there were others out there who would rather shoot people and not wild pigs for fun?"

He last saw the roadside farmer two years ago. Since the two of them crossed paths, Pandoy had been a guest at the David household every New Year's Eve. But he failed to show up last year.

## No regrets

David maintained he had no regrets about having put the gaunt-faced farmer in the limelight since "to a large extent many of our people were shocked to see the gravity of mass poverty in the country, and there have been many initiatives to alleviate it from the private sector ever since.

"And I have realized that the problem is bigger than Mang Pandoy," he said.

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# The WORLD

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# Uzbek Senate votes to evict US forces

TASHKENT—The Uzbekistan Senate gave final approval Friday to an order evicting US military forces from the country and many lawmakers demanded financial compensation from Washington for alleged environmental damage caused by the US military presence in the country.

The eviction order was approved after two hours of debate and the decision was announced by Farrukha Mukhuddinova, deputy Senate speaker. Senate approval marked the final step needed to make the eviction notice law.

"The presence of the US air base has become against our interests," said Nuriddin Zayniddinov, a senator representing the constituency where the US airbase at Karshi Khanabad, known as K2, is located.

"A man with two faces cannot be a friend of Uzbekistan," Zayniddinov said in a speech before the assembly.

Another senator said the government of Uzbekistan had spent $168 million in building infrastructure to support the US base but had received no financial compensation for the expenditures from the United States.

"We have the right to demand not only the eviction of the US military from Uzbekistan but to demand compensation for environmental, economic and health damage" caused by the American military presence in the country, he said.

The government of the strategic Central Asian state formally notified the United States on July 29 of its decision to terminate the agreement permitting the deployment of US military forces at the base.

The eviction notice was served after the United States joined an international chorus condemning the regime of President Islam Karimov for a military crackdown in the eastern city of Andijan on May 13.

Independent human rights groups and local witnesses claimed troops opened fire on unarmed civilians in Andijan, killing several hundred people. The Uzbek government denied this, saying that 187 people were killed in the unrest, including many military and law enforcement personnel.

Tashkent said the unrest in Andijan was triggered by an attempt by armed Islamist militants to overthrow the government and required an immediate and decisive reponse.

The US military presence in Uzbekistan was established shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the United States and has been used since then to support ongoing US military operations in Afghanistan.

In serving the eviction notice, Uzbekistan gave the United States 180 days to clear out—the notice required under the basing agreement. *AFP*

**SHE COULD HAVE MET RIZAL**
**Salvadoran Cruz Hernández, whose age of 127 years is based on her baptism in 1878, could become the longest living person ever if her age is certified by the Guinness Book of Records. Cruz worked as a midwife until the age of 100.** REUTERS

## *Call to have Chavez killed expands anti-US feelings in Latin America*

WASHINGTON—Televangelist Pat Robertson's call to assassinate Hugo Chavez raised the Venezuelan president's stock as the top US critic in Latin America and highlighted a lack of US policy toward Caracas.

As the United States tries to recover its image after invading Iraq and remake its Latin America policy, Robertson's bombastic call to take out Chavez, for which he later apologized, buffeted already stormy relations between Washington and Caracas.

Chavez said Friday that despite the apology, Robertson speaks for "the elite who govern the United States."

Robertson's comments "raised Chavez's image, garnered more sympathy, fed accusations that the United States wants to invade Venezuela and that it is going to kill him," said Michael Shifter, vice president of the Inter American Dialogue, a Washington think-tank.

"His paranoia now has some heft to it," he said.

Venezuela is the fourth supplier of oil to the United States, but relations have been tense.

Chavez is a perennial critic of the United States. He has repeatedly accused US President George W. Bush of wanting to assassinate him and has said the United States was behind an April 2002 coup that removed him from office for less than two days.

Shifter said that there is much confusion over US foreign policy and Venezuela is no exception.

"Lack of a clear, consistent policy toward Caracas gives people like Robertson a stage," he said.

The Washington Post said: "Mr. Robertson, in an act of stupidity that only he could outdo, has handed Fidel Castro's acolyte a propaganda gift of immeasurable value." *AFP*

## US green cards ordered issued to thousands

SAN FRANCISCO—A federal judge ordered the government to expedite the delivery of green cards or other documents to thousands of immigrants who have been granted legal residency in the United States.

The order came in a lawsuit representing at least 12,500 immigrants nationwide who have been declared US residents by federal immigration judges but have been waiting, sometimes years, for legal documents proving they are in the country legally.

US District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel ordered immigration officials on Thursday to come up with a plan within 60 days for expediting the documents, even temporary ones.

Sharon Rummery, a spokeswoman with the US Citizen and Immigration Services in San Francisco, said Friday the agency was reviewing the decision and was not prepared to comment.

"The ruling recognizes that thousands of lawful permanent residents nationwide have been wrongfully denied their proof of status," said Javier Maldonado, executive director of the Texas Lawyers' Committee.

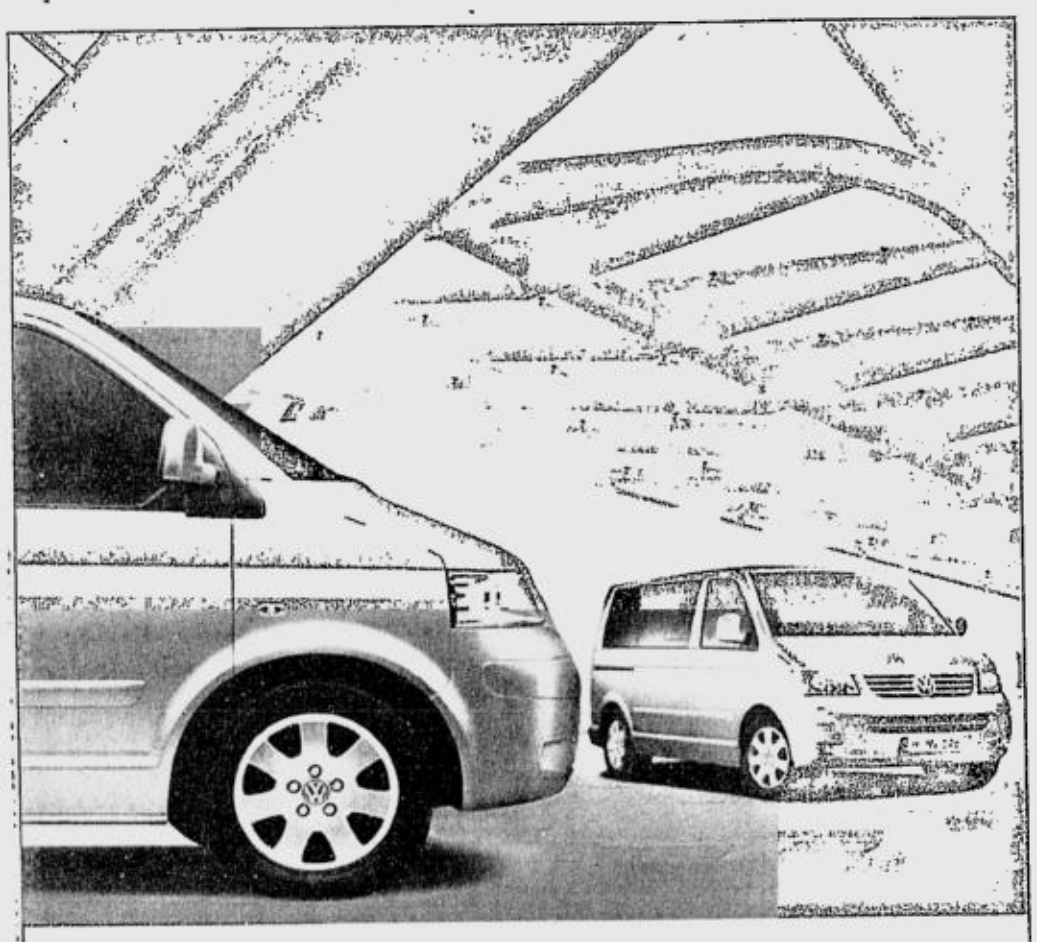
"The Department of Homeland Security can no longer deprive thousands of lawful permanent residents of the essential documentation that enables them to work legally, obtain identification documents, and visit their families abroad," he said.

The government argued that the delay in issuing at least temporary documents, which would allow the immigrants to obtain Social Security cards, driver's licenses and jobs, was in part due to a backlog of security background checks following the 2001 terror attacks.

In her ruling, Patel noted that, before the terror attacks, the government issued temporary residency documents to immigrants weeks after immigration judges approved of their residency. She said immigration officials have not identified any one of the applicants "as a national security threat, much less one who has been detained or deported as a result of security concerns."

The judge added that the government conceded the security checks employed "would not have caught a single September 11 hijacker."

The case was brought by immigrants who said they were denied employment, promotions or other government services because they could not prove they were US residents. *AP*

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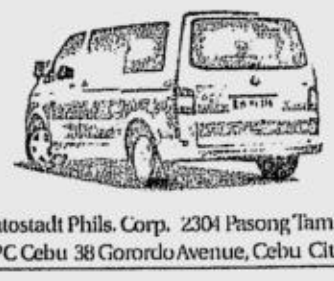

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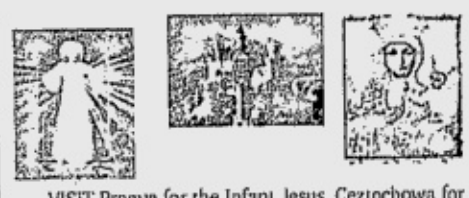

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### Australia may toughen citizenship rules

SYDNEY—The Australian government is considering toughening citizenship rules as part of its antiterrorism campaign in light of the British Muslim suicide bombings in London, a government minister said on Saturday. The key measures being considered are doubling the number of years of permanent residency, from two to four, before citizenship is granted and more stringent security checks, including international legal checks. Australia has never suffered a major peacetime attack at home, but security officials are concerned the country's multi-cultural population may produce "home grown" militants similar to the young British Muslim suicide bombers who killed 52 people when they detonated bombs on July 7. *Reuters*

### Vioxx maker may settle some suits

TRENTON, NJ—Merck & Co. will consider settling a limited number of lawsuits over its withdrawn painkiller Vioxx, a spokesman said. The drug's link to heart attacks and strokes has spawned thousands of lawsuits and last week's $253 million (euro205.57 million) jury verdict in Texas. As recently as Wednesday, company lawyers were still saying they planned to fight each personal-injury lawsuit. On Thursday morning, Merck said that as of Aug. 15 it faced nearly 5,000 lawsuits alleging patients were harmed by the drug — almost 600 more cases than in its prior update five weeks earlier. The total includes about 150 potential class-action suits that could include many plaintiffs. *AP*

### Israel seeks control of Gaza borders

JERUSALEM—Israel wants to control the borders of the Gaza Strip even after its historic pullout, citing fears Friday that the Palestinian territory could turn into a bastion of militancy awash with weapons. The Palestinians quickly condemned any such plan, insisting Israel can only end its 38-year occupation of Gaza by ceding all control over the impoverished strip of land, including its borders, air space and territorial waters. *AFP*

### Suspected bird flu hits Finland

HELSINKI—Finland reported Friday its first case of bird flu, found in gulls in the northwest of the country, but said the strain did not carry any risks for humans. "Several gulls, living and dead, were taken at Oulu for analysis and the suspect virus was found in these birds," agriculture ministry official Riitta Heinonen told the STT/FNB news agency. But she said the strain was not the H5N1 type which can infect humans and has killed 61 people in southeast Asia since 2003. The final results of the analysis should be known in three weeks. *AFP*

### Jailed Chinese journalist's ma seeks review

New York—The mother of a journalist serving a 10-year prison sentence on charges of "illegally leaking state secrets abroad" is seeking a review of her son's court appeal. Gao Qinsheng, mother of imprisoned journalist Shi Tao, has alleged "serious procedural defects" in the proceeding, the human rights group Human Rights in China (HRIC) reported. Gao filed a request for review with the Hunan Province High People's Court on Sunday, sources confirmed to CPJ. Shi's lawyer, Mo Shaoping, filed a brief in support of the request. Officials from the Changsha security bureau detained Shi near his home in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, on November 24, 2004, several months after he e-mailed notes detailing the propaganda ministry's instructions to the media about coverage of the anniversary of the crackdown at Tiananmen Square. Authorities confiscated his computer and other documents and warned his family to stay quiet about the matter.

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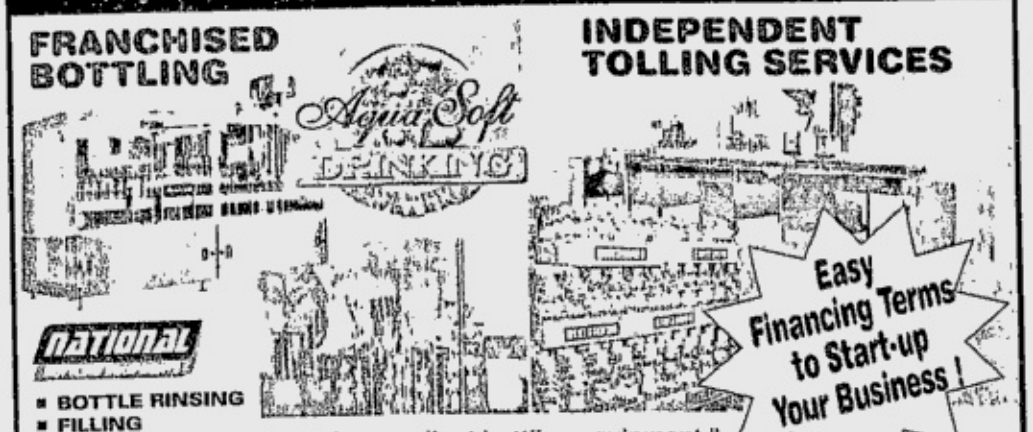


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## The other numbers game

WE do not begrudge the efforts of key administration officials to present the country's first trillion-peso national budget in the best possible light. But even a cursory look at the budget proposal would tell us that, in this particular numbers game, the sums do not add up.

The President sent off the proposed budget last Wednesday with hopeful words. "I have submitted our budget for next year to Congress in the hope that this will be given utmost priority as a strategic weapon against the looming oil crisis and as a strategic tool to fight poverty by placing our resources squarely on the socio-economic imperatives facing our people."

**EDITORIAL**

Budget Secretary Romulo Neri said the proposed 2006 budget was a "clear translation of the Arroyo administration's 10-point agenda into doable actions and activities." House Appropriations Committee chair Rolando Andaya zeroed in on one of the true highlights of the proposal: "But I am happy to note that the 2006 budget bill contains the biggest jump in infrastructure spending in a decade. From P64.5 billion this year, the public works budget is pegged at P97.8 billion next year."

That is better than a 50-percent increase, in a budget category that is closely watched by investors and analysts, including the so-called UP 11 economists.

Speaker Jose de Venecia made particular note of the "significant increase" in the proposed infrastructure spending when he received the proposal on Wednesday. "This has never been done before. We should now commit substantial amounts of money for economic development."

Neri added that the administration was investing heavily "on job creation, education, health care, electrification, roads and transportation infrastructure next year." He pointed, for instance, to the increase in the budget for education: to P119.1 billion, up by P7.1 billion. The increase in itself is bigger than the entire budget of either the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Department of National Defense got an even bigger boost: up by P8.33 billion to P52.4 billion; the increase is almost as big as the proposed budget for the entire judiciary, the third branch of government.

Altogether, the 2006 proposal posits a total increase of P134.6 billion over this year's budget. But the projected deficit (essentially the money the country will borrow to bridge the difference between what the government expects to earn and what it proposes to spend) will be down to P124.9 billion, from this year's projected deficit of P180 billion.

"This is due to higher revenue collections," Neri said, speaking optimistically in the present tense.

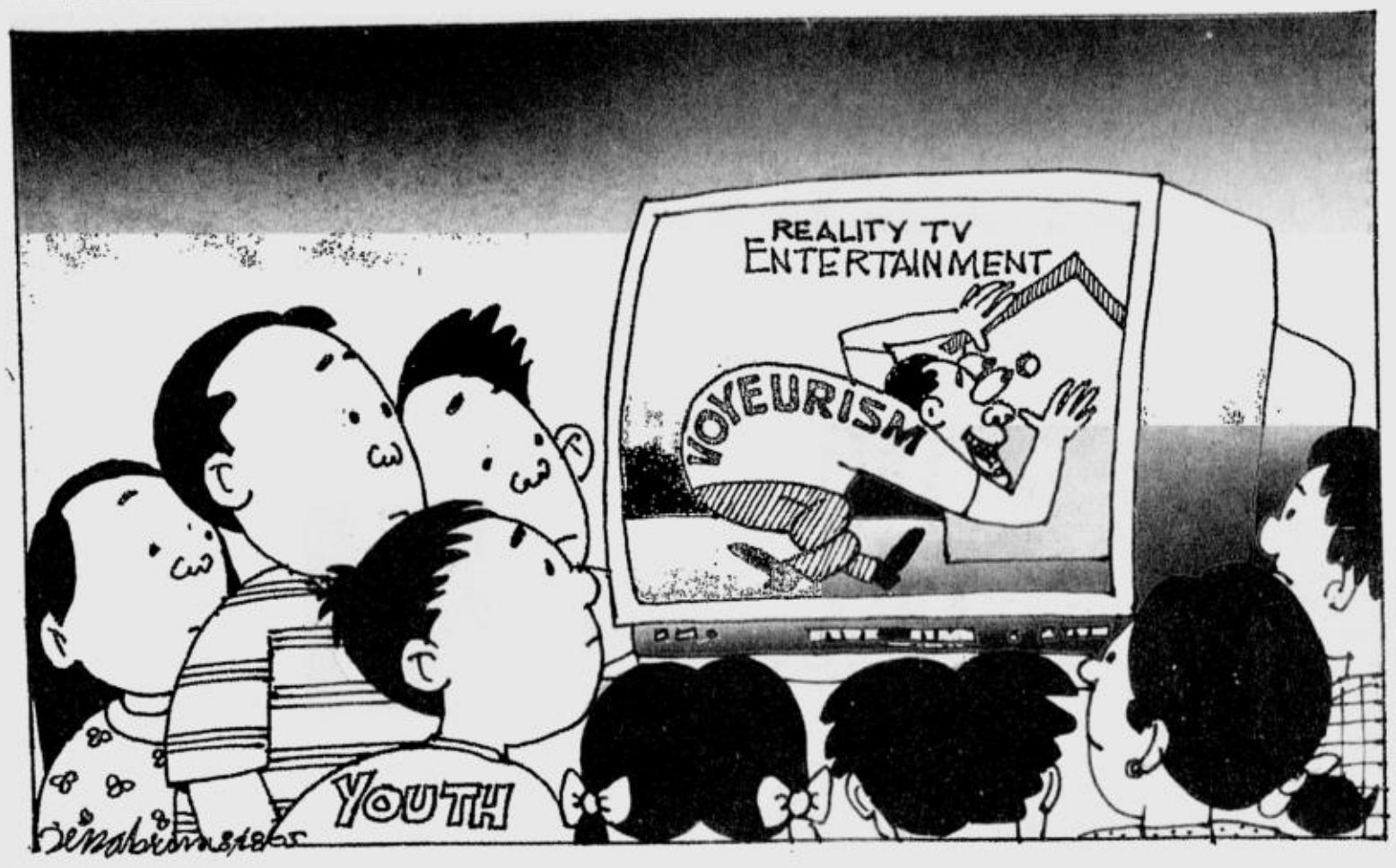
But we must note the administration's specific caveat, that the growth in infrastructure spending will be funded in large part by projected revenues from the expanded Value Added Tax law. "The implication is that the increment stands to be forfeited if E-VAT is junked," Andaya said. In other words, this is a proposed budget that is highly conditional, with one of the conditions to be resolved only this week, when the Supreme Court is expected to rule finally on the E-VAT case.

Other assumptions are even more problematic. The proposal assumes that the economy will grow by 6.3 percent next year, a full percentage point better than it is expected to grow this year. It assumes an average exchange rate of P55-P57 per dollar. Worst of all, it assumes that the benchmark Dubai crude oil price will stay at the $55-$56 level per barrel.

If the budget is, as the President said, a "heat shield" against the "vagaries of the world economy," then these middle-of-the-road assumptions mean that the shield as built cannot handle too much heat.

The most striking feature about the P1.05-trillion proposed budget, however, is the one administration officials discuss only grudgingly: debt service. Almost a full third of the 2006 budget, or P340 billion, has been earmarked for the payment of interest and principal. That's well over P900 million a day, a tremendous drain on our resources and a massive obstacle to real, lasting progress.

The academics behind the so-called Blueprint for a Viable Philippines are only the latest to add their voice to the growing clamor for some sort of debt relief. The government, perhaps through the backing of prominent private-sector personalities, should heed the appeal. Without radical debt renegotiation, even trillion-peso budgets won't be enough to keep poverty at bay.




## Integrity vs hypocrisy

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

IT'S none of their business, of course, but if they're interested at all in us, foreigners must think we Filipinos must be crazy with the way we are running our government and the whole country in general. I for one am embarrassed over this humiliation and indignant over my embarrassment.

Not a few decades ago, we were regarded as the most progressive country in Asia next only to Japan. We framed the first democratic constitution in this continent in 1898, and during the American regime we were known as the showcase of democracy in the Orient. In 1986 we amazed the whole world with our people power revolution that peacefully deposed the dictator Marcos. We repeated the same process in 2001 when, again without bloodshed, we ousted Joseph Estrada for his incredible excesses.

Now the picture has changed drastically. We are no longer estimable but notorious. Our reputation in the international community has deteriorated from admirable to disreputable. We are lucky if we are at least considered negligible as a nation of domestics.

We are now second only to Bangladesh from the bottom in development and second also to Indonesia as the most corrupt nation in Asia. In 1960 our dollar exchange rate was 2 to 1 but now it is more than P55 to $1. The Marcos mega-theft of billions of pesos has yet to be fully recovered, and his co-principals remain unpunished to date after all these 20 futile years. The criminal case against Estrada, also for raiding the public treasury, has yet to be finished and now they are talking of bailing him despite the enormity of the crime of plunder.

And now, not surprisingly, the whole country is talking of impeaching his equally suspicious successor for no less malevolent misdeeds.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo appears to be of the same mold as Marcos and Estrada. She is accused of cheating in the presidential election last year and of receiving for herself and her family millions of pesos from the *jueteng* payola. These offenses have yet to be proved, however. But what makes her lower than her two dishonorable predecessors is the way she has cheapened the office she is determined to retain at all cost against the serious threat of her removal.

The Garci tapes are especially damning although she denies any wrongdoing and confesses only what she calls her "lapse in judgment." Many people believe it is more than that and that she actually ordered Virgilio Garcillano to fake the election results to make her win by a million votes over her closest rival. Otherwise, why has he not surfaced to testify to prove her innocence? Many people are convinced that she ordered the fugitive to remain in hiding, and later orchestrated his escape to another country, for fear that his declarations would confirm her guilt.

The Senate investigation of the jueteng scandal is getting nowhere, allegedly because of her hidden hand in manipulating the witnesses. Some of them have recanted after testifying against her and are now angrily posturing that they were forced by the opposition to lie. Others have been discredited for their past record although this is quite irrelevant to the legislative probe. She has also disclaimed any close association with her town mate Bong Pineda, the jueteng lord who is now conveniently staying abroad beyond the jurisdiction of the Senate.

Last Monday I was sickened by the news that the President of the Philippines, dismissive of her high title, left Malacañang to greet Mike Velarde on his birthday bash. Actually, she was paying official tribute to the head of the El Shaddai group that follows him implicitly in election matters and also when he asks its members to raise their inverted umbrellas to receive the blessings of heaven. Velarde is now even undertaking the presumptuous task of "brokering" reconciliation between GMA and her enemies as if anyone outside his obedient cult would take him seriously.

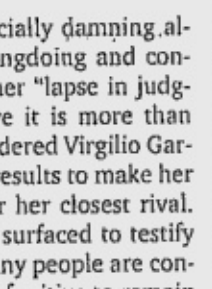
GMA used to be known as "*mataray*" but now she is all sweetness and light. Her eyes are bright with friendship or closed in reverence or tearful over her pretended blamelessness. She came unannounced to greet Archbishop Angel Lagdameo of the Bishops Conference and is reported now to be calling individual members of the House of Representatives or their families to persuade them to drop the impeachment charges against her. One well-publicized morning, she even took a democratic walk along Manila Bay with unaccustomed smiles that only underlined her accustomed hypocrisy.

Ms Arroyo has lowered her high position with her groveling appeals to retain it in disregard of the nation's growing disaffection, and not only in what her satraps call "Imperial Manila." Her obtrusive conduct, alternately cloying and coercing, could alone be a valid moral ground for her impeachment and removal unless she finds it in her conscience to voluntarily resign in deference to the popular will.

President Arroyo has embarrassed and demeaned the Republic of the Philippines, of which she should be the prime exemplar of dignity and integrity.

## Bottom line

**MOMENTS**



*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

THE STORY is told about a congressman's wife who was awakened in the middle of the night by noises. "Dad, there are thieves in the house," she told her husband. "I know, but there are thieves in the Senate, too" was the half-asleep congressman's reply.

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**In today's Gospel (Mt. 16, 21-27) Jesus lays down the bottom line for all thieves, cheats and liars: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" There is a sure backlash whenever we choose worldly riches, power and pleasures over goodness and the divine will. The fact is that we lose a lot—as in "a lot"—whenever we choose evil over good. Yes, we lose our name, our peace of mind, our values, our character, and even our souls. Is it really worth it all? What for?**

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We all will die. We all will face our Creator someday. Many of the worldly things that matter to us now will not matter when that moment comes. The bottom line then will be "Whatever you did to the least of my brethren you did it unto me." May we not lose sight of the final reckoning, when the good will be rewarded and the evil ones will be punished. We carry nothing with us when we die except the love we have shared when we were still alive.

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**For those who have amassed so much wealth illegally, why not leave some of your money to the poorest of the poor? Don't leave all your riches to your children and grandchildren. They have enough dirty money already. Don't contaminate them further. Purify your dirty money by putting in your will a provision for the poor. Give to the socio-civic-religious entities that could put your money into good use. Use your money for your salvation, not for your condemnation.**

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For Jesus, Jerusalem was the final destination. He was not afraid to face the truth and the reality of His possible impeachment and conviction once He got there. Peter rebuked Him. Peter wanted to remedy and circumvent the situation, but Jesus was not to be swayed in His decision. "Get behind me, Satan!" May we not allow our so-called advisers and sympathizers to become obstacles to our mission. Often, these noisy eager beavers have only one "good" in their minds, their own good. For them, the bottom line is money! That's all. That's it. That's the sad thing about money. It corrupts hearts, relationships, institutions, and even a whole nation.

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**I was in Rome recently...Romblon! Nice to be away from the pollution, tension and confusion of Metro Manila—to be with nature and real people. We had the chance to visit a marble factory and we marveled at how the laborers could transform a solid block of rock into beautiful furniture and handicrafts. The transformation is made possible because the marble allows itself to be cut and chiseled and polished. Maybe that's what "denying oneself" means—allowing oneself to be formed by God. Let us all pray for more humility and obedience to God's will. We would not have so much suffering and strife in this world and in this our country if we were more humble and obedient to God's will.**

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Have you heard of the latest dance craze? It is called "The Politician." It's two steps forward, one step backward, and then, a side step. I can't help but be amazed at how many of our elected leaders and government officials can sidestep easily when caught in a bind, and how easily they change their rhythm as soon as the tune of money is played.

Thank God, we still do have some principled people in government who follow the road of honesty, hard work and sacrifice. We hope to have more of this kind of people who take up the cross, and follow Christ all the way.

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**Yesterday was the Feast of St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. She never gave up praying for her son's conversion. The road to conversion is long and often tedious, but we must continue to take it. It is sometimes so disheartening when we see so much corruption and injustice around us. When will this end? Will we ever have peace, order and progress? Will we ever be freed from people who burden, and even divide us? It is in moments such as these that we must continue to hope, pray and hold on. Let us pray as if everything depended upon Him, and work as if everything depended upon us.**

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Please mark Sept. 11 in your calendar for "A Day of Healing with Jesus through Mary" at the Philsports (Ultra) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Let's come together and pray for the healing of our nation. Different healers will lead us in physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Among them is the visionary from Korea, Julia Kim. Admission is free. Let us turn to the Lord in humility and follow Him, wherever He leads us.

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**A moment with the Lord:**

*Lord, remind me that the bottom line is that I, too, will be at the bottom of the coffin someday. Amen.*

# The Jarques, father and son

REVEILLE

*Ramon J. Farolan*

TEN years ago, retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque walked into my office unannounced and asked for a few minutes of my time. I had been aware of developments in his career and I felt he wanted to unburden himself and explain how he had gotten into the mess he was in.

**Ray Jarque belongs to the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1961. Some of the prominent members of this batch are Sen. Rodolfo Biazon; Gen. Alex Aguirre, former National Security Adviser; Lt. Gen. Nick Rodriguez, former Air Force commander; Director General Bert Rodriguez, former PNP chief; and Vice Adm. Virgilio Marcelo, former Navy chief. A lot of stars for any one class.**

In our meeting, Ray gave me a blow-by-blow account of how his problems started—from the time he got involved in a family quarrel in Negros up to his being charged with the ambush of Aniano Desierto before Desierto's appointment as Ombudsman. The unkindest cut was being charged with stealing some P650,000 worth of prawns.

The few minutes he asked for, stretched to almost an hour, with him doing most of the talking. After he was finished, he thanked me for allowing him so much time to ventilate his feelings. He left with a sense of relief written on his face. I wish I could have given him more words of encouragement and comfort, as I sensed he was facing an uphill battle in the face of a flawed judicial system.

When Desierto was appointed Ombudsman, I guess Ray Jarque felt that his battle was lost and there was no point in continuing the struggle to clear his name. For him, it was now a "no win" situation, and he decided to defect and join his former enemies—the most senior AFP officer to do so.

At that time, I expressed the hope that he would reconsider his move because he had a lot of friends who cared and believed in his innocence—people in the community who thought highly of him and were willing to be counted on his side. Other than noting his designation as a consultant for the National Democratic Front in the peace talks abroad, I lost track of Ray Jarque.

Last week, his son, Capt. Rene Jarque, passed away in Jakarta. Rene was a graduate of West Point, Class of 1986. Prior to leaving for the US Military Academy, he was a member of PMA Class of 1986. He had just finished summer training with his group when the call to West Point came through. His PMA batch was the first to graduate after the Edsa Revolution in February 1986.

I never met the young Jarque. But many years ago, when he was the editor in chief of the "Cavalier" magazine—a quarterly publication of the PMA Alumni Association—I received my copy of the magazine only to find that the first page had been pasted over with white bond paper. Somehow it reminded me of press censorship practices in Indonesia when I was posted in that country. From time to time, when articles or pictures, local or foreign, would displease the government, the offending item would be pasted over with bond paper; or black ink would be smeared all over the article to make it illegible. (Sexy photos were not allowed, either.)

As what happens when censorship is practiced, my curiosity led me to check out what was being hidden from the readers. It turned out that Captain Jarque used the editor's page to unburden himself on the sad fate of his father by firing a couple of sidewinders at his fellow cavaliers.

What disturbed me about the whole thing was that some people had taken it upon themselves to decide what I should or should not read. I was amazed that such a vulgar act of censorship could actually take place in our country. And so I reprinted, in full, the censored article in my regular Philippine Star column.

In his article "Courage, Integrity, Loyalty," Rene Jarque wrote: "My father was an honest man. And I am saying that, not as a son but as an officer who has seen the extent of corruption and unprofessionalism in the Armed Forces. I dare say that he was even more honest than me. While he refused to receive a regular 'allowance' from the *jueteng* lords as Southern Luzon commander, I was the emissary of our unit to get the *jueteng* money (and the money came from a fellow cavalier in the police!). While he returned a P3-million excess [of] CAFGU fund to General Headquarters, I could not even tell my soldiers to return the extra cans of sardines to the supply room to be used for the next patrol.

"Is this the kind of man who would steal P650,000 worth of prawns? . . . He did not enrich himself though there was every opportunity to do so. I am sure that the National Democratic Front was well aware of his reputation and welcomed him into their ranks."

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Much of what Captain Jarque wrote about the Armed Forces is true and the truth can often hurt. He pricked our conscience and, in the eyes of others, it translated into arrogance and insolence. Among his many essays on the military, I enjoy this passage most: **"If war is too complex to be left to the generals, governance is even more complex to be left alone to the politicians, especially the irresponsible and corrupt. As a crucial stakeholder in governance and society, the Armed Forces should use its powers and capabilities for the common good to deter bad government and promote democracy and development."**

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Gen. Raymundo Jarque has since been cleared of all charges against him and now works with a subsidiary of the Philippine National Oil Corporation.

# Suicide, Pinoy-style

COMMENTARY

*Isabel T. Escoda*

RECENT wire agency reports, indicating that Filipino geologist Michael de Guzman (who allegedly killed himself in 1997 by jumping out of a helicopter into an Indonesian jungle) is alive, suggests that suicide is something Filipinos do not easily commit.

In countries like Japan and China, putting an end to one's life under difficult circumstances is not unusual. An inherent despondency among some Japanese, springing from their rigidly circumscribed environment, has produced suicidal tendencies; while the grim lives led by vast numbers of rural Chinese (especially females who are viewed in their society as inferior to males) make ending one's life the only option.

In Hong Kong today, suicides are almost routine among failed businessmen, unhappy lovers, disappointed workers, and even among young people—some in their teens who kill themselves because of relentless pressure from parents for them to succeed in their studies. The growing number of suicides in recent years has prompted the government to reinforce social services, which now include publicizing the Samaritan phone counseling service. But despondent individuals, trapped in a psychologically oppressive environment, continue to end their lives.

I know of only two Filipinos of note who took their own lives. Both were intellectuals with Westernized leanings. The first was Homero Veloso, a Cebuano poet and mystic who slashed his wrists and bled to death in the 1950s; and Jaime Ongpin, the sensitive and cultivated economist who shot himself during President Corazon Aquino's regime. Veloso left a book of his poetry and paintings, while Ongpin's legacy is valued by those who are familiar with his work. Both are presumed to have committed suicide because of deep despondency.

Perhaps, some lesser-known Filipinos have resorted to suicide, but one seldom hears about them, perhaps because, as a veteran Philippine-watcher has put it rather cynically, "If being corrupt was a reason to kill yourself, there would be no government or business left in the Philippines." His reference to guilt over corruption is based on the fact that De Guzman, prior to his alleged suicide, was reported to have left suicide notes for his Filipino wife, expressing "shame." This was reported in "The Bre-X Fraud," a book about the Canadian mining scandal written by Canadian journalists Douglas Goold and Andrew Willis.

According to the authors, De Guzman was hired in 1993 for a Canadian mining project in Busang, Indonesia. (He had previously worked for an Australian mining firm from which he was fired on a charge of financial malfeasance.) In Manila, he had a Filipino wife with whom he sired six children; in Indonesia, he quickly acquired new mates—one, a woman from Bogor, a Jakarta suburb, whom he married in Muslim rites; another, a Muslim woman from Menado, Sulawesi, with whom he had a baby; and finally a young woman from Kalimantan in Borneo, whom he married in Protestant rites in 1995. Lilas, the last wife, is shown with him in a photograph in the book, with the caption: "Brought up a good Catholic, De Guzman had four wives."

A recent report about De Guzman's "re-emergence" quoted one of his Indonesian wives, Genie, who is said to have recently heard from him. "I have a feeling that, in a few months, he will (emerge from hiding)," she said, adding that she recently found several thousand US dollars deposited in her bank account by her long-lost husband who apparently phoned from an unknown part of the world.

Whether he has also been in touch with his two other Indonesian mates and his Filipino wife and six children, and made further bank deposits, is not known. This may remain a mystery, as the fact of how much of the original $9 million Bre-X stake he reportedly pocketed was stashed away. It seems he also had $4 million in stock options from the Bre-X mining scam at the time of his supposed death.

The circumstances of De Guzman's death have always been suspicious. When his body was supposedly found in the jungle after he was believed to have jumped from a helicopter, an autopsy was done in Jakarta and Manila, according to Goold and Willis. But the results were never released, allegedly due to pressure from the Suharto family, whose Bre-X connections were known.

The Canadian mining company, Bre-X Minerals, burst on the stock market scene in 1994 when a small dealer in Vancouver advised her clients to buy shares that were trading at $2.40. After a Calgary investment dealer joined Bre-X and put out information about the Indonesian mine on the Internet (using images of gold bars), people flocked to buy shares.

Canadian David Walsh, who was known as having "a terrible financial background," started up Bre-X in a Calgary basement, with no revenue or earnings, according to Goold and Willis. But when his company's shares reached their zenith in 1996, it was worth as much as $70 billion. The firm's sensational growth apparently was the result of their Filipino geologist's work, which was to mix Bre-X mine's core samples with alluvial gold grains found in some Borneo rivers. De Guzman's sample-tampering went on for almost three years before Canadian investigators uncovered the scam.

As the media and Internet broke the news, pained cries from stockholders reverberated across the world. One British Columbia lawyer, who had invested $3 million, shot himself in the head. De Guzman's alleged suicide leap into the Indonesian jungle followed in March 1997, and Walsh went into hiding as he faced class-action lawsuits in the United States and Canada. His partner John Felderhof (who had hired De Guzman) sold his Bre-X shares, banked $42.4 million and retired on Grand Cayman Island.

So will De Guzman soon appear to tell his full story, thus proving that, like most Filipinos, he doesn't believe in suicide? Or will he lie low and avoid having to face the wrath of irate stockholders—not to mention his multiple wives and children? *Abangan ang susunod na kabanata!*

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# 'Datus' on contraception

AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*

AT THE RECENT forum on "LGU and Media Partnership for Good Governance," held in Cebu under the sponsorship of the Visayas Reproductive Health Initiative (VRHI), Antique Gov. Sally Zaldivar Perez cited passages from the "Code of Sumakwel" and the "Code of Kalantiao" that she said show how pre-Hispanic Philippine society viewed matters of marriage, sexuality, family and reproduction.

The "Code of Sumakwel," attributed to Datu Sumakwel who supposedly founded the earliest settlements of lowland Malays in the island of Panay, contains two pertinent provisions. No. 6 states that "Marriage to three women may be permitted in the beginning. But after population increase, only those who can afford may be permitted to have more than one wife." No. 7 decrees that "Poor persons shall have not more than two children; children of the poor in excess of two shall be killed or thrown into the river."

The "Code of Kalantiao," attributed to a later *datu*, counts among its 18 provisions two which deal with marriage and sexuality. No. 3 provides that "He who shall have a very young wife or more than he can support shall be made to swim for three hours; for second offense, he shall be stoned to death." No. 10 declares: "A mother who fails to teach her daughter about sex secretly or a man who punishes his wife caught in the act of adultery shall be killed or chopped into pieces or thrown to the crocodiles."

Of course, nobody would seriously consider the adoption of such harsh, punitive measures today, or—it would seem—even during the times of the *datus*. Historians, most notably William Henry Scott, have established that the "Code of Sumakwel" and the "Code of Kalantiao" were nothing but fabrications of Filipino writers in the early 1900s.

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**STILL, it seems interesting that the creators of the spurious "Codes," who claimed to have based them on ancient "historical" documents, should have felt the need to include provisions on family size and sexual relations.**

**Was it to show how "primitive" and "cruel" pre-Hispanic society was? Or was it instead an attempt to establish how enlightened our native rulers were, prescribing rules that would set curbs on population growth and governing sexual relations?**

**Whatever, local government leaders, like Governor Perez, apparently feel the need to cite historical precedents, even from such dubious sources as the two *datus'* Codes, to justify their championing of reproductive health policies and programs. After all, so-called prolifers have long claimed that reproductive rights go against Philippine "culture," which they seem to base on the conservative, uptight and repressed attitudes toward sex that the Spanish friars imposed upon us. But a more reliable document, the account by Pigafetta of the society he encountered upon the arrival of the Spaniards in the Philippines, paints a far different picture—one where women were not only emancipated but also sexually liberated, demanding better sexual performance from their partners.**

**It's difficult to imagine that men and women in such a sexually open society could not have been aware or availed themselves of contraception.**

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HERE'S a bit of contraception news. The Population Council's International Committee for Contraception Research (ICCR) has released findings that emergency contraceptive pills "appear to work by interfering with ovulation, thus preventing fertilization of the egg." The experts noted that emergency contraception, which leaves a woman a "window" of three days after an episode of unprotected sex to prevent a pregnancy, does not "appear to disrupt post-fertilization events, such as the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus."

Emergency contraception has been the subject of much controversy mainly because of questions around its "mechanism of action," whether it prevents the meeting of egg and sperm, or whether it prevents the implantation of a fertilized ovum, which some consider already a form of abortion.

Because sperm cells can live in the female reproductive system for up to five days, a woman may still get pregnant if she has unprotected intercourse five days before ovulation. An egg, however, is usually viable for only six to 12 hours after it is released. What the researchers found was that levonorgestrel, the primary ingredient in "single-dose" EC pills and in other oral contraceptive pills, successfully delayed ovulation for up to five days, protecting women who took part in the clinical trial from unwanted pregnancies.

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**IN OTHER news: The Asia Pacific Post reports that a new blood test, which enables expectant mothers to find out the sex of their baby as early as five weeks into the pregnancy, "is sending jitters around the world."**

**The news has triggered fears that the test, which can be purchased through the Internet, could spur an epidemic of aborted female fetuses in countries where families and society place a premium on sons.**

**In India and China, for instance, the number of boys born each year outstrips girls "far beyond the natural ratio of about 105 boys to every 100 girls." This overwhelming son-preference has given rise to a cottage industry of sex tests for fetuses, mainly through ultrasound. In India, the government has already banned the use of such technology to determine the sex of a fetus, with little success.**

**Arthur Caplan, chair of the department of medical ethics at the University of Pennsylvania, says the ability to find out gender so quickly is troubling.**

**"It's the cutting edge of what's coming. What if you find out (that) the baby will have a high risk of depression, or obesity, or will have red hair?**

**"What about a disposition to homosexuality? If it's not to detect a disease, you shouldn't be doing it."**

# Salute to the new

PUBLIC LIVES

*Randy David*

HERE is a cynical view of the country's political system: Electoral fraud is an integral part of Filipino politics. Every politician knows that cheating occurs in every election and is factored in the overall calculation of a candidate's chances. Paying homage to the law is an obligatory ritual in our political culture, but it is political muscle that matters in the end. The law is but another resource in an ongoing political war. The ritual of impeachment will soon end, and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will go on to finish her term. Culture is fate.

Here is a hopeful view: Electoral fraud is integral only to the politics of patronage and plunder, and this type of politics is dying. Politicians of this mold are becoming increasingly out of place in a world that demands greater accountability and competence of its leaders. A young more mobile Filipino generation is championing reform in governance in the name of social justice and modernity. In 2001, they ousted a president they could not respect. In 2005, they are ousting a president they cannot trust. Their movement will not rest until they can have a government that embodies a new moral identity of which they can be truly proud. Fate is created.

The best way to discredit any movement of renewal is to reduce it to nothing more than a bid for power. By identifying it solely with politicians who were once in the highest seat of power, the movement runs the risk of being stripped of its moral credentials.

This is the disadvantage of shifting the terrain of the reform movement from the parliament of the streets to the parliament of the politicians. The impeachment proceedings inevitably get bogged down in endless discussions of legal technicalities, and it becomes uncertain whether the politicians will ever get to the substantive issues. In the process, public interest dissipates because of sheer weariness.

This is the scenario that the administration politicians are trying to put in place. It is cut from the fabric of the politics of exhaustion and resignation. The ritual of due process will be observed, the complaint is trashed at the committee level, and the scandal over the "Hello Garci" tapes fades into the background as just another political noise that failed to stir up a revolution.

But I am confident Ms Arroyo will not get away so easily. The images on television are telling a different story. It is a story of contrasts: the jaded Jose de Venecia, on the side of old politics, and the refreshing Francis Escudero on the side of the new. It is a story of the complacent knowingness of Prospero Nograles and Edcel Lagman pitted against the energetic wit of Alan Peter Cayetano and Gilbert Remulla. There is youth, idealism and hope on the side of those who want Ms Arroyo out. There is only weariness, cynicism and cultural fatalism on the side of those who want her to continue.

One cannot fail to see in this collage of images not only a war of generations, but the passing of an obsolescent political culture. They may be descended from the same political families, they may have ridden on the crest of their ancestors' familiar names, but something tells us that the young people in Congress who are calling for the impeachment of Ms Arroyo are not merely the alter-egos of their parents. They, too, want to bury the corpse of a political culture that has long obstructed the birthing of a new nation.

It should have been buried when Marcos declared one-man rule in 1972 and suspended the nation's political life. But ironically, the old system was revived and borne on the wings of the 1986 Edsa revolution. Finding themselves free, Filipinos could not imagine more suitable democratic forms than the ones they had left behind. A new world had opened up to them, yet they could only view it from the prism of traditional elite politics.

Seven military coup attempts challenged the foundations of President Cory Aquino's people-power regime. Those of us who had fought Marcos and joined the Edsa revolution could only see in these attempted coups the hand of military adventurism. We did not hesitate to defend what we perceived to be the democratic gains of Edsa. But looking back now, and after having met young officers like Capt. Rene Jarque, who has died "without seeing the dawn," so to speak, I am convinced we were wrong to dismiss these coups as mere power grabs. The major ones of these coups were led by young officers who stood for genuine social change, and saw no other way of achieving it than by seizing state power. Young people in the military saw what the return of the old was doing to their own organization. They saw how the same politicians were reversing with impunity the spirit of renewal that Edsa had embodied for them. They could not bear to see all this and do nothing.

What we are witnessing today on almost all fronts—working its way in Congress, in the streets, in local governments, in the churches, in the military, in the bureaucracy, in civil society, and in the private corporate world—is the same youthful energy that fueled all the revolutionary upheavals in our nation's history. We often forget, in the despair created by our exhausted institutions, that ours is a nation of young people.

They are the pillar of our strength as a nation. But it is foolish to expect that we can keep their allegiance as a generation if we continue to shackle their aspirations for a more just and better-run society. They deserve a better president, and they know it.

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## Good luck

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*—Taguig Mayor Freddie Tiñga, praising part-time taxi driver Reio Lance for returning a bag containing P150,000 to his passenger*

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# TALK of the TOWN

# Dengue alert

THE DEPARTMENT of Health documented a total of 14,738 dengue cases across the country from Jan.1 to Aug. 19, up 20 percent from the same period last year. Children between 1 year old and 9 years old accounted for 43 percent of the dengue cases.

Of those infected with the mosquito-borne disease, 197 died, or a fatality ratio of 1.3 percent. The head of the National Epidemiology Center expects the number of cases to reach 20,000 by October, when the dengue season ends.

Dengue is found in tropical and subtropical regions around the world. The World Health Organization says that global prevalence of the disease has grown dramatically in recent decades. The disease is now endemic in more than 100 countries. More than 2.5 billion people now live in areas at risk of infections.

Before 1970, only nine countries had experienced dengue hemorrhagic fever epidemics. By 1995, the number had risen more than four-fold. WHO estimates that 50 million to 100 million cases of dengue infections happen each year worldwide.

Globalization has contributed to the rapid spread of *Aedes albopictus*, a secondary dengue carrier in Asia, to the United States, several Latin American and Caribbean countries, parts of Europe and a country in Africa. The spread of this species has been attributed to the international trade in used tires.

Global warming is also helping increase the range of mosquitoes infected with dengue virus.

## Eliminate breeding sites to control the disease

By Dr. Lyndon L. Lee Suy

Dengue fever and dengue hemorrhagic fever are mosquito-borne viral diseases that affect the general public. It is considered a major public health problem due to its propensity to bring about disease and fatalities if preventive measures are not implemented. Dengue infections are seen throughout the year but increase during the rainy reason.

Dengue is a flu-like, "often severe," viral illness caused by several closely related viruses, called dengue virus. The disease is transmitted from person to person mainly by *Aedes aegypti*, but *Aedes albopictus* can also act as a carrier. High fever, severe headache, muscle and joint pain, nausea and vomiting are the common symptoms.

Dengue virus belongs to the genus *Flavivirus*, family *Flaviviridae*, which contains nearly 70 viruses. The four serotypes of dengue virus (DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, DEN-4) can be distinguished by serological methods.

### Children

Primates are natural hosts for dengue virus, but those that have been studied generally show no signs of the disease; these animals become infected and develop viremia (presence of virus in the blood), although at a lower titer (standard of strength per volume) than humans. Humans are incidental hosts. When infected, people manifest clinical signs and symptoms. Children are the ones mostly affected by dengue infections, but there are reported cases of people as old as 86 years old getting infected.

Although lifelong immunity is attained with a specific serotype, an extended partial protection could still be provided for other serotypes for approximately 3 to 6 months. Any person can be infected with a maximum of four serotypes in a lifetime.

The environment includes the mosquito carrier and the climate. Transmission of the virus from a dengue patient requires the presence of a mosquito carrier. The degree of transmission is influenced by a favorable climatic condition that increases the density and prolongs the life span of the mosquito.

### Indoors

There are two Aedes species known to transmit the dengue virus in the Philippines: namely; Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus.

Aedes aegypti is the primary and more common carrier. It is highly anthropophilic (affinity to humans), often lives indoors in close proximity to humans. It breeds primarily in man-made containers like earthenware jars, metal drums and concrete cisterns used for domestic water storage, as well as discarded plastic food containers, used automobile tires and other items that collect rainwater.

Aedes aegypti is a tropical and subtropical mosquito. It is generally found within 1,000 m above sea level. However, it has been reported in the Philippines at 1,750 m in Baguio City and in other countries at more than 2,000 m elevation.

The adult is black with distinctive patches of white stripes throughout its body. Hence, it is called a tiger mosquito. It is commonly found in cities and urban centers where population density is high. It is also found in rural areas where both natural and artificial breeding sites exist.

### Outdoors

Aedes albopictus, the secondary carrier, is more zoophilic (affinity to animals) and lives outdoors. It is more rural in distribution and indigenous to the Asia Pacific Region. It is also known as the Asian tiger mosquito.

The life cycle of an Aedes mosquito undergoes a complete metamorphosis from egg to larva to pupa and to adult in about 8 to 12 days.

The egg develops within 2 to 3 days, the larva hatches in 7 to 8 days, while the pupa becomes an adult after 1 to 2 days. The rate of development depends upon various environmental conditions.

Adult mosquitoes are most abundant during the rainy months. Generally, the life span of the mosquito is from 20 to 30 days. Females have a longer life span than males, giving them more chances to transmit the disease.

This is the stage where replication of the virus takes place. The mosquito needs to take in the dengue virus from infected blood during the blood meal for successful transmission to the next susceptible host. Once the female mosquito gets infected, it is infected for life.

### Daytime feeding

Humans get infected with dengue viruses by the bite of an infective mosquito. Aedes aegypti feed on humans during daytime.

It is common to see several members of the same household become ill with dengue fever within 24 to 36 hours, suggesting that all of them were infected by a single infective mosquito. That makes Aedes aegypti such an efficient epidemic carrier.

After the intrinsic incubation period of 3 to 14 days (average of 4 to 7 days), the person may experience acute onset of fever accompanied by a variety of nonspecific signs and symptoms for 2 to 5 days, which indicates the presence of viremia. This may serve as the source of infection for the carrier. After which the extrinsic incubation period commences allowing the replication of the virus.

Dengue virus infection in humans causes a gamut of illnesses ranging from inapparent or mild illness with fever to severe and fatal hemorrhagic disease.

### Self-limiting

Infection with any of the four serotypes causes a comparable clinical presentation. However, the severity depends on a number of risk factors like the strain and serotype of the infecting virus, and the immune status, age and genetic background of the human host.

Dengue fever is generally self-limiting and is rarely fatal. The acute phase of illness lasts for 3 to 7 days, but the convalescent phase may be lengthened for weeks and may be associated with weakness and depression, especially in adults. No permanent sequelae (pathological consequences) are known to be associated with this infection.

Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) is characterized by a sudden onset of fever, which usually lasts for 2 to 7 days, and a diversity of nonspecific signs and symptoms. During the acute phase of illness, it is difficult to distinguish DHF from dengue fever and other illnesses found in tropical areas.

### Acute phase

The differential diagnosis during the acute phase of illness should include measles, rubella, influenza, typhoid, leptospirosis, malaria, other viral hemorrhagic fevers, and any other disease that may present in the acute phase as a nonspecific viral syndrome.

There is no pathognomonic (peculiar to a particular disease) sign or symptom for DHF during the febrile stage (accompanied by fever). On the other hand, as fever remits, characteristic manifestations of plasma leakage appear, making accurate clinical diagnosis possible in many cases.

Source reduction remains the most effective method of control for dengue fever and dengue hemorrhagic fever while the use of chemicals has a temporary effect and is an expensive way of controlling mosquito carriers.

Preventive measures include the elimination or reduction of sources through community participation and health education. These measures can be better implemented with the support of legislation and law enforcement.

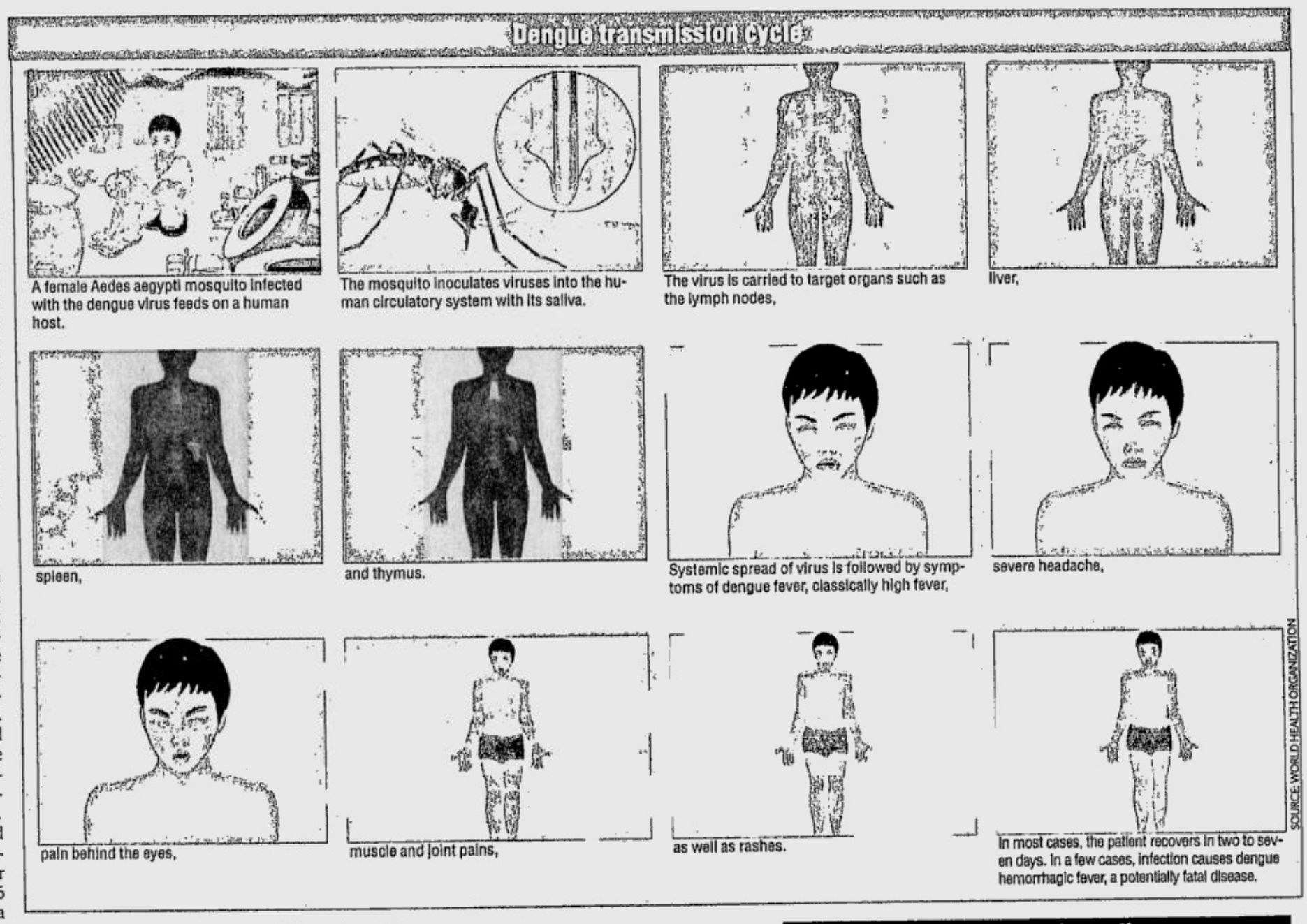
### Fogging

The use of fogging is recommended only during outbreaks and epidemics. It must be carried out under the supervision of a licensed or accredited pest control operator or by a trained or knowledgeable pesticide applicator authorized by the appropriate public health officer.

Fogging should be done once a week for at least two consecutive weeks or up to four weeks in the same area. When doing fogging, the appropriate protective clothing shall be worn by the applicator. The right weather condition should be considered. There should be no rain, with a steady wind between 3 and 13 km/hr. Fogging should be done early morning (between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.) or early evening (between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).

But fogging kills only adult mosquitoes and not the larvae. The adult mosquito dies once it gets into contact with the mist. Others are just driven away.

*(Lyndon L. Lee Suy is the National Dengue Program manager of the National Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Department of Health.)*




**Reported number of cases and deaths by region (Jan. 1 to Aug. 19, 2005)**

| Region | Cases | Deaths | Fatality ratio |
|---|---|---|---|
| I | 214 | 3 | 1.4% |
| II | 206 | 4 | 1.9 |
| CAR | 214 | 1 | 0.4 |
| III | 2,014 | 13 | 0.6 |
| IV-A | 360 | 4 | 1.1 |
| IV-B | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| NCR | 2,252 | 27 | 1.2 |
| V | 204 | 6 | 2.9 |
| VI | 413 | 1 | 0.2 |
| VII | 1,524 | 33 | 2.1 |
| VIII | 556 | 3 | 0.5 |
| IX | 1,341 | 6 | 0.4 |
| X | 2,317 | 56 | 2.4 |
| XI | 916 | 16 | 1.7 |
| XII | 1,165 | 10 | 0.9 |
| ARMM | 246 | 3 | 1.2 |
| Caraga | 783 | 11 | 1.4 |
| **Total** | **14,738** | **197** | **1.3** |

Source: National Epidemiology Center Department of Health

**PREVENTION**

The best way to prevent dengue fever is to take special precautions to avoid contact with mosquitoes. Several dengue vaccines are being developed, but none is likely to be licensed by the US Food and Drug Administration in the next few years.

When outdoors in an area where dengue fever has been found:

- Use a mosquito repellant containing DEET (di-ethyl tolumide), picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Dress in protective clothing—long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks, and shoes

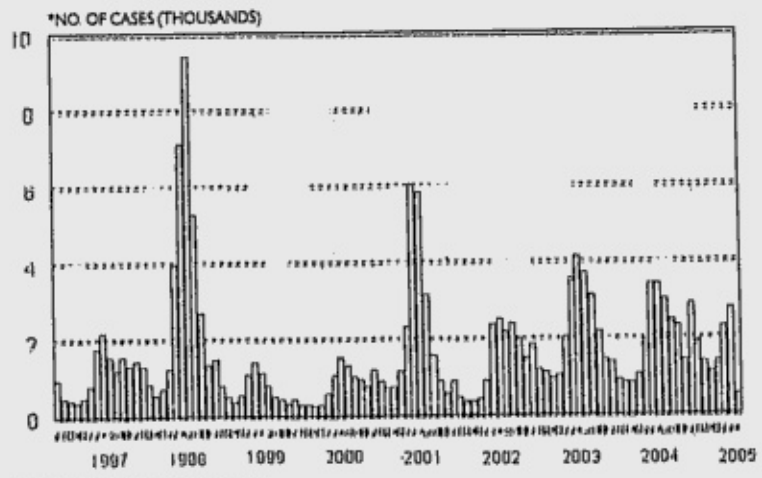
Because Aedes mosquitoes usually bite during the day, be sure to use precautions especially during early morning hours before daybreak and in the late afternoon before dark.

Other precautions include:

- Keeping unscreened windows and doors closed
- Keeping window and door screens repaired
- Getting rid of areas where mosquitoes breed, such as standing water in flower pots, containers, birdbaths, discarded tires, etc.

Source: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, US Department of Health and Human Services

**Dengue cases by month Philippines 1997-2005***

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# Trader says rising gas prices to close more firms in Davao

DAVAO CITY—The rising price of petroleum products is threatening job security in Southern Mindanao and even in the whole country, a prominent business leader here said yesterday.

Bienvenido Cariaga, president of the Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (DCCCII), said that "the impact of the weekly oil price increases is becoming terrible."

"It will result in an economic turmoil if not stopped," Cariaga said.

He said the continued increase in petroleum prices would trigger more business closures and loss of jobs.

Cariaga said as of June this year, at least 13 companies in Southern Mindanao, based on statistics provided by the Department of Labor and Employment, have folded up because of the effects of rising oil prices.

"With the unprecedented oil price increases, more companies, specifically smaller ones, may follow suit," he said.

Cariaga said that for companies that can still sustain their growing bills on fuel, the termination of workers would be the best option to cope with the crisis.

However, Cariaga said that DCCCII members have not resorted to retrenchments yet, adding they are still capable of absorbing the impact of the oil price increases "for the time being."

The rising costs of petroleum products have also forced the government to implement energy conservation programs.

Even the military said it was already considering the use of renewable energy to cope with the crisis.

In Zamboanga City, Armed Forces chief Gen. Generoso Senga said the military was willing "to explore anything that can contribute to the success of the government's energy conservation program."

He said the military was considering the use of solar power to support some of its energy needs.

He said they would explore the technology being used by the Alliance for Mindanao Off-Grid Renewable Energy (Amore) program, which promotes the photovoltaic energy system.

President Macapagal-Arroyo has formed a team that would monitor energy use in government offices and report excesses.

The President has appealed to the people to unite as the prices of petroleum products are likely to continue increasing, with some predicting that world crude prices would hit $70 per barrel.

Ms Arroyo has also ordered a shift to the use of other energy sources, particularly renewable ones, to reduce the country's dependence on imported crude for its fuel needs. *Judy Quiros and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## Stolen cars find their way in Marawi

COTABATO CITY—Marawi City is fast becoming Mindanao's destination for stolen vehicles, the Traffic Management Group in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) said.

During the two-day anti-car theft drive in Lanao del Sur that ended on Tuesday, law enforces recovered at least 11 stolen vehicles, some of which came from Metro Manila and other parts of Luzon, in Marawi City.

Supt. Reynaldo Periabras, TMG director in the ARMM, said the recovered vehicles included Toyota FX vans and motorcycles. *Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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## *Cell phone allowances for Benguet execs hit*

BUGUIAS, Benguet—With telephone lines yet to be installed in this vegetable-producing town, officials have relied on their personal mobile phones in government transactions and in relaying official communication at their own expense.

But their latest decision to appropriate P1.61 million a year as cellular phone card allowance drew flak from the provincial government's finance committee, which found the allocation excessive and against the government's austerity measures.

The officials, led by Mayor Thomas Palileng, earlier submitted to the provincial board the town's annual budget of P37.45 million for approval.

Part of the budget was an item giving cell card allowances to the town's officials and employees, including utility workers.

Under the budget, the town's 12 elected officials and eight department heads would be entitled to receive P3,600 a month as cell card allowance.

The 72 rank and file employees would be given P1,200 a month.

The provincial finance committee, however, said the allocation was "too excessive" since it represented 18.96 percent of the town's maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), an important budget item.

The committee also said the allowance contradicted Administrative Order No. 103 issued

by President Macapagal-Arroyo on Aug. 31 last year, which called for the adoption of austerity measures in government.

The committee recommended that the disbursement of such kind must be subject to the approval of the town council through an ordinance.

The ordinance, the committee said, must also prescribe the rules on the use of such allowance.

But Palileng said the committee failed to understand the situation in the town, saying he and the councilors would be willing to appear before the board to explain and justify the allowances.

"We need the cell cards to facilitate our communication," the mayor said.

"Considering the terrain and distance of the villages we visit for projects and other concerns, the cell card allowance would definitely help us perform better," he said. *Delmar Carifio, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

## Bulacan folk urged to shame river polluters

SAN RAFAEL, Bulacan—If you can't beat them, shame them.

An official of the Sagip Pasig Movement (SPM) has urged officials and environmental advocates in Bulacan to publicly shame the companies known to be dumping their wastes into the province's rivers to save and revive these waterways.

Severino Martin Galindo, also a representative to the Angat river rehabilitation program, said environmentalists, residents and officials could adopt the SPM's "Lason Awards" to embarrass firms who contribute to the pollution and degradation of local rivers.

The SPM's "Lason Awards" are given out yearly to companies and establishments found to be the worst contributors to the pollution of the Pasig River in Metro Manila.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has classified the rivers of Meycauayan, Marilao, Bocaue, Balagtas and Guiguinto and some of their tributaries as "biologically dead" due to heavy siltation and pollution.

Galindo asked Bulacan officials and residents to identify the polluters and hold them responsible for the degradation of the waterways.

He said the Lason Awards helped them in efforts to revive the Pasig River because the erring companies were forced to reform to avoid humiliation and adopted measures to avoid dumping their wastes into the river.

"Although we underwent long years of struggle, little by little these companies were faced with no other alternative but to stop polluting the Pasig River," Galindo said.

He said Bulakeños should be vigilant in monitoring establishments to ensure that these have wastewater treatment facilities and would not dump their wastes and garbage into the rivers. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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# Mindanao's long road back to normalcy

By Dennis Jay C. Santos
*Carmen, North Cotabato*

NO ONE seems to remember his name but almost everybody says that they had heard his story.

The story of the farmer, who hanged himself out of despair over the outcome of his farm produce, might have been exaggerated but those in the same sector as he was knew how it was to experience failure, which could have been solved by the provision of equipment and facilities.

They agreed that the farmer's story illustrates how they feel when a situation worsens.

As the story went, the farmer, who was a father of seven, only wanted to earn a decent living by planting corn and selling it to a local trader.

After toiling under the sun, the farmer was hopeful of making extra money because the grains looked promising.

Even as the grains had yet to be dried, he was thinking of looking for a buyer. After all, the sun appeared to be cooperating.

Days of unexpected rain, however, threatened to spoil the grains.

After the rain soaked the grains, the farmer faced his worst fears: His corn began to grow fungus while some showed signs of rotting.

The farmer refused to surrender to the thought that his efforts had been rendered useless. He hired a hauler and brought his corn to Davao City, more than a hundred kilometers away.

He was hopeful his corn would fetch a higher price. But when he approached a Chinese trader, he was told his corn was no good.

"Even the pigs would not eat your corn," the Chinese trader was quoted as telling the poor farmer.

The farmer, accustomed to battling nature's wrath and even the atrocities of war, could not take the rejection. He went home, took rat poison and died.

Rey Busayong, chair of Barangay Ranzo, said the farmer lived in a nearby community. He believed that the story is true, but he too could not remember the name of the farmer.

But Busayong said many farmers, including himself who rely on corn production, have been hurdling similar difficulties in their lives.

"The production is good, but the price in the market is very low," he said.

Busayong said the government, nongovernment organizations and various foreign-assisted donor programs that had given them "core shelter," helped introduce livelihood and other projects that aim at rehabilitation after their displacement brought by the Moro rebellion of 2000.

But to jumpstart their livelihood and achieve sustainability and empowerment, they have to work hard, he said.

Benjamin "Ben" Abadiano of the Assisi Development Foundation and Tabang Mindanaw, said even after the successful return of the displaced families to their own communities, a lot of peace-building efforts and developmental work is needed.

"*Walang-wala* (absolutely nothing)," Abadiano describes the economic condition of the families.

"But what is important is that they were able to come back to their own communities," he said, adding that the barangays that were improving became inspiration to others.

"People were able to live freely and [have] normal lives," he said of the thousands of former displaced individuals.

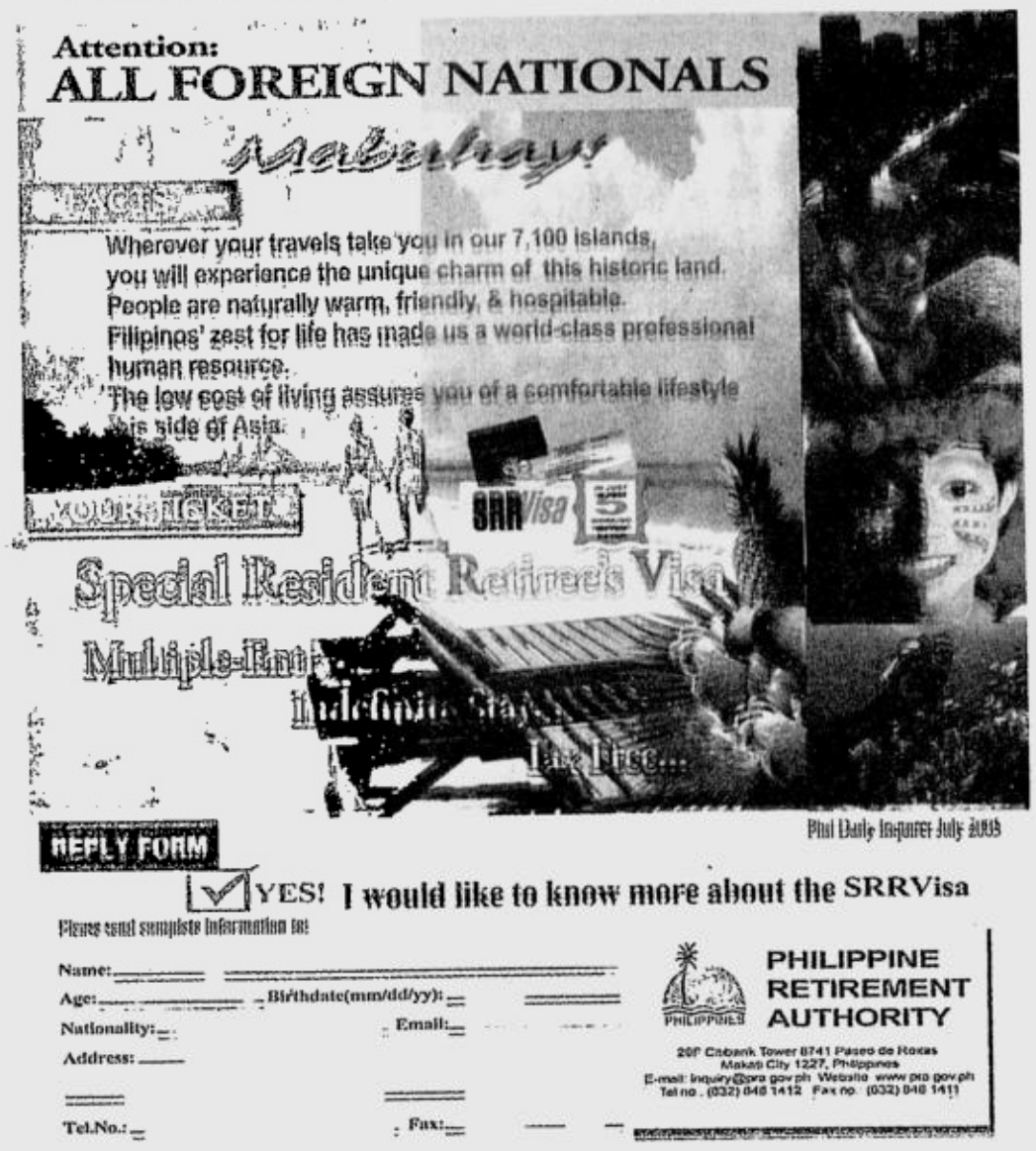
Secretary Jesus Dureza, presidential assistant for Mindanao, said the United Nations Developmental Program, with the European Commission (EC), have allocated some P300 million worth of assistance for the multi-faceted rehabilitation and development work in Mindanao's war-torn areas.

Diosita Andot, program officer, said the EC-funded program that started October last year and to end this year, aims to provide more core shelters, strengthen people's organizations, give various training courses and issue farm implements.

Dureza, also chair of the Mindanao Economic Development Council, admitted that despite these efforts, a lot of development work and rehabilitation efforts are needed in Mindanao.

The farmers said that unless their lives improved, the story of the farmer who committed suicide is not far from being repeated.

**REBUILDING** their lives and overcoming the loss of loved ones due to a recent conflict are a difficult struggle for many people in Carmen, North Cotabato, but the young and old remain hopeful.
DENNIS JAY SANTOS



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# A sculpture blooms in Quezon City

By DJ Yap

JERRY ARAOS has created the Katalikasan garden inside the Quezon Memorial Circle. RAFFY LERMA

A SCULPTURE fashioned from a piece of wood or soldered brass may make a landmark, says artist Jerry Araos. But he says making a destination calls for another kind of sculpture.

This "sculpture" lives, breathes and blooms. It is a garden.

Araos—sculptor, carpenter, writer and photographer—says a garden is a living sculpture that is never finished—and also never dies—for as long as the gardener is alive.

Araos has created "*Katalikasan*" in a secluded spot of the Quezon Memorial Circle. Here people of all persuasions can sit, talk and meditate. The name, a fusion of two Filipino words, is supposed to translate into "making lovė with nature."

Katalikasan is a 700-square meter circular plot lined with trees, shrubs and flowers. Ponds are filled with little black molly fish.

The garden recycled old and discarded materials like slabs of concrete from sidewalks of Kalayaan Avenue, and trash receptacles from the old *Nayong Pilipino*. The pieces have become containers for plants and trees.

## 'Bansoy'

Araos has planted miniature trees he calls "*bansoy*," short for *bansot na halamang makahoy*, the artist's Filipino version of the Japanese bonsai.

Its design principle is different from the bonsai, says Araos.

While bonsai branches droop, simulating the winter posture of trees in Japan, the *bansoy* reaches for the sun, like a typical tree in tropical Philippines.

Instead of bonsai's shallow pots, bansoy grows in deep containers.

## Symbol

Araos developed the *bansoy* in 1992, as some kind of symbol of his "small voice in the wilderness." It is his humble contribution, he says, towards defining the Filipino identity.

He notes that Filipinos are not assertive about their identity.

Hoping to spread the new art of *bansoy*, Araos' son Jemil formed the University of the Philippines Los Bansoy at the Los Baños campus of the state university in 1994.

Araos says his daughter Liwa launched her own *bansoy* campaign at UP Diliman.

Araos promotes the planting of trees because "I don't want my grandson to have to buy his oxygen when he grows up." He points out, "If you operate one motor vehicle for 24 hours, the pollution it (causes) cancels off the oxygen produced by 1,000 trees."

## Winner

Araos won in the International Public Art Competition in 1997 for his concept of a garden as sculpture. A contest judge told him his idea was a cut above the rest, and one of the most advanced art forms at the time, he says.

In 2001, he unveiled his "Kasalikasan," a public garden in a 3,556 square meter lot in the heart of Bonifacio Global City in Taguig. Kasalikasan, a combination of words that is meant to convey "one with nature," has been called the "soul of the Fort Bonifacio development."

Araos has lent several dozens of his *bansoy* plants to the Quezon Memorial Circle. He thinks it is a dishonor to the late President Manuel Quezon to fill his shrine with Japanese-inspired bonsai.

The outspoken artist protests the park administration's decision to allow a display of bonsai at the circle's herbal garden on Saturdays, says park administrator Lolita Amores.

## No discrimination

But Quezon City Parks Development Foundation, Inc. president Charito Planas, says it is not right to discriminate against bonsai or anything Japanese.

She says all ideas are welcome at the circle.

From being a neglected piece of land used as a dumping ground for murder victims, the circle is now buzzing with activity.

Former UP professor Lydia Buendia gives free dance and therapeutic lessons to some 200 senior citizens on Fridays. Seminars and training sessions on aerobics, reflexology and care-giving are also held frequently.

Planas says the park draws thousands of people from all walks of life everyday.

She is not affected by comments that the circle has become a smorgasbord of clashing structures. "I'm more concerned about function," she says.

But she admits the family of Quezon has protested some activities at the park, especially those near the late president's shrine, where his and his wife Aurora's remains lie.

# Subdivision roads opened to public

By Jocelyn R. Uy

PARAÑAQUE City has opened to the public the main roads of the BF Homes Subdivision.

Mayor Florencio Bernabe led a team of policemen that opened at around 6 p.m. Friday major gates of the posh subdivision in accordance with a city ordinance.

The move was done without consultation with homeowners, Celso Reyes, president of the United BF Homes Associations, Inc. (UBFHAI), told the INQUIRER yesterday.

But Bernabe said, in a phone interview, the courts already decided that the city ordinance was valid. "It was also the residents who requested the gates to be opened," he said adding only a minority of residents opposed the ordinance.

In 1997, Parañaque passed City Ordinance No. 97-08, reclassifying the subdivision's Aguirre and El Grande Avenues commercial zones.

Then the city passed in 2000 Ordinance No. 00-15, opening to the public roads in subdivisions linked to major city thoroughfares.

UBFHAI got an injunction from Judge Alberto Lerma of the Muntinlupa City Regional Trial Court Branch 256.

Reyes, who said the injunction was still in effect, said UBFHAI might file contempt charges against the mayor.

# Number of loose firearms 'alarming'

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE SOUTHERN Police District (SPD) has confiscated about 60 unlicensed firearms since July.

"We have conducted saturation drives in five hotspots (and) were able to recover these firearms," SPD Director Wilfredo Garcia told the media yesterday morning.

The SPD presented only 45 firearms as the rest were already in the custody of the courts, explained Garcia.

Among those confiscated were M-16 Rifle Colt, several pistols of different calibers, a Thompson gun, and an Armsor shotgun.

## Unlicensed

Garcia said the number of loose firearms was alarming. It showed many civilians and criminals had unlicensed guns.

"That is why we are intensifying our anti-crime efforts," the director said.

The SPD's saturation drive also led to the arrest of around 33 suspects in robbery and holdup, illegal drug use and illegal possession of firearms, who were also presented to the media.

Garcia said the Bicutan area (Lower, Western and Upper Bicutan), where informal settlers, people from the provinces converged, was identified as a crime hotspot in Taguig City.

## Embassy watch

Also considered hotspots are Baclaran in Parañaque City; Laperal Compound in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati; Barangay Pútatan and Alabang in Muntinlupa City; and subdivisions in Las Piñas City.

He added the Maricaban area in Pasay City.

The SPD has assigned more police to watch over embassies in Makati City, augmenting the Special Task Force Diplomatic Security.

Police visibility and security was also increased at the Baclaran Mosque in Parañaque and in Star City, an amusement park in Pasay.

## Marshals

Meanwhile, marshals are keeping an eye on jeepneys plying Susana Heights in Muntinlupa City, FTI in Taguig and Guadalupe in Makati City; Evangelista and F.B. Harrison Streets in Pasay City; and Guadalupe-Alabang.

Mobile patrols will conduct checkpoints in Las Piñas City's subdivisions and villages.

Garcia said they were also monitoring people riding tandem on a motorcycle, a common getaway vehicles for criminals.

## METROBRIEFS

### Claudine facing new suit

BARRETTO

ACTRESS Claudine Barretto is facing a P150,000 damage suit filed by Patricia Ana M. Marcelo. In her complaint filed Friday with the Metropolitan Trial Court in Quezon City, Marcelo said Barretto maligned her in published interviews. Marcelo, daughter of YES! magazine editor in chief Jo-Ann Maglipon, said the actress "publicly called or pictured her not only as a devious violator of Barretto's rights, but worse, a liar and a thief." ABS-CBN declined to comment on the lawsuit against one of its stars. But Barretto's lawyer, Raymond Fortun, said on GMA 7's "24 Oras" last Friday he was confident his client would be vindicated. *Nini Valera*

### San Beda Frat is 34

THE LAMBA Rho Beta Fraternity of the San Beda College of Law celebrates its 34th anniversary at the Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila today. Founder-organizer Jose "Boji" Cabochan said registration and cocktails would start at 6 p.m. Included in the program is a testimonial to member and guest speaker, officer-in-charge of the Department of Land Reform Nasser C. Pangandaman. Club Filipino president Roberto "Obet" de Leon is a founder of the fraternity.

"COCONUT Oil", a book by Conrado Dayrit, was launched recently at SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. RUDY ESPERAS

# *Arroceros was old trading hub*

By Tina G. Santos

THE CONTROVERSIAL Arroceros Forest Park may have been a Chinese trading hub during the Spanish regime.

Members of the Katipunan ng Arkeologists ng Pilipinas Inc. (KAPI) dug up not only artifacts but also what appeared to be the remains of walls, wall foundations and floors.

"The... architectural remains... were suggestive of the typical masonry construction techniques of industrial architecture in 19th century Manila," said Joy Belmonte, KAPI vice president.

Evidence indicated that the park was occupied from about the late 16th and early 17th century to the second half of the 20th century, she said.

Among the structures built along the Pasig River, according to Belmonte, was the Fabrica de Cigarillos, a producer of tobacco products.

"According to old maps, this gigantic one-story structure... occupied a whole block on the southern bank of the Pasig River," Belmonte said.

Archaeological evidence also indicated that, as shown in old maps, the area was part of Chinese Parian.

Belmonte said the forest park site was most likely a loading and unloading area.

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# Pasig checks safety of elevators

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

PASIG City has ordered the inspection of all elevators on its side of the Ortigas Center business district because of the recent elevator scare in a high-rise building.

"We will coordinate with the management and maintenance officers of these buildings to (ensure that) their elevators are working properly," Mayor Vicente Eusebio said in a phone interview.

Five passengers had a scary ride Thursday morning when an elevator at One San Miguel Avenue Building suddenly descended, instead of going up, without stopping on any floor. The passengers were going to the 47th floor.

When the elevator stopped, the door did not open until rescuers arrived after about 15 minutes. Though shaken, the passengers were unharmed.

The passengers took an adjacent elevator earlier. They heard metal creaking and they felt the elevator moving but when the door opened, they found they had not left the ground floor.

Pasig's electrical section denied radio reports the elevator took a free fall.

"(The elevator) had undergone automatic landing while running on its normal speed. These elevators were equipped with emergency brakes," a report, a copy of which was given to the INQUIRER, said.

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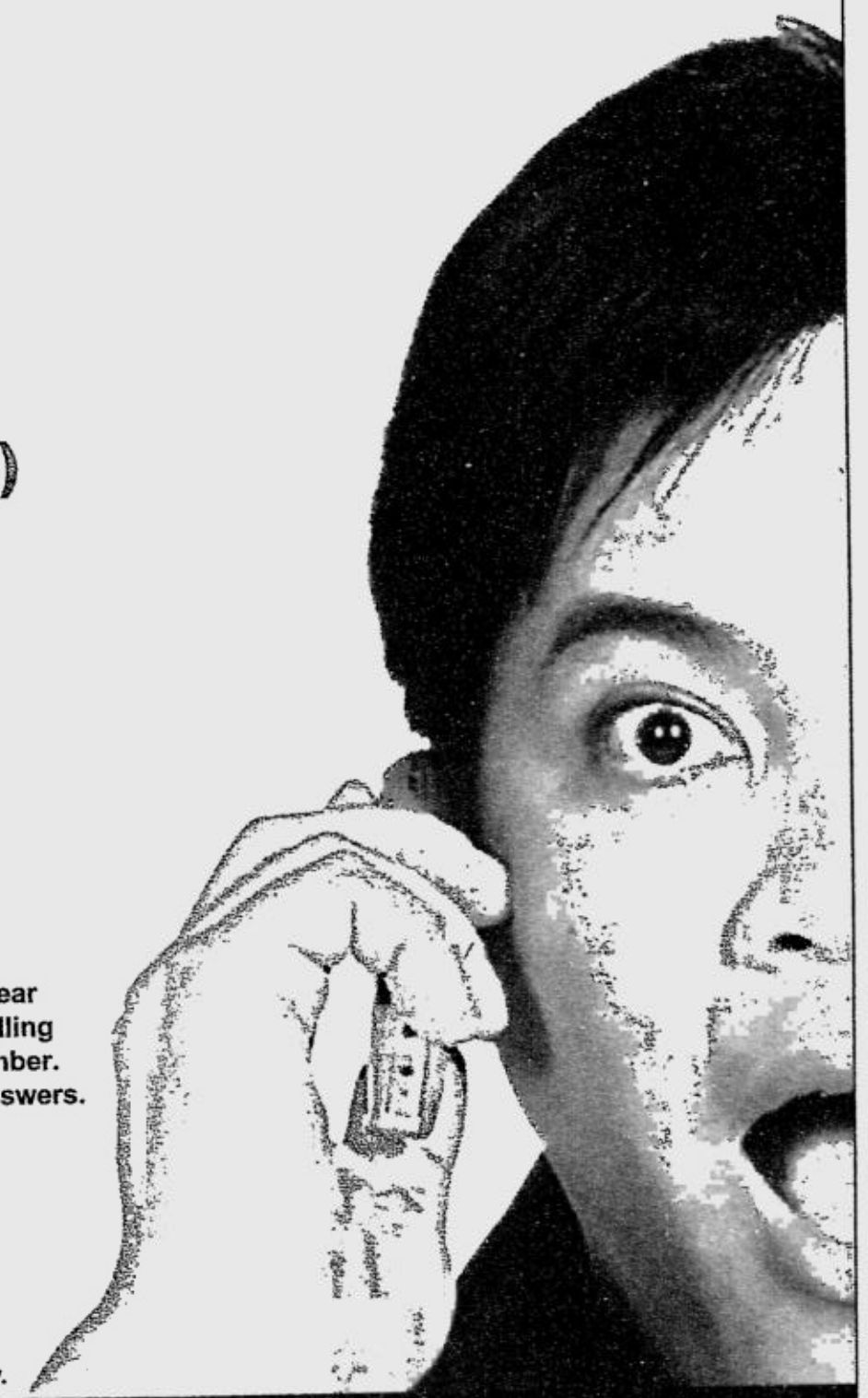

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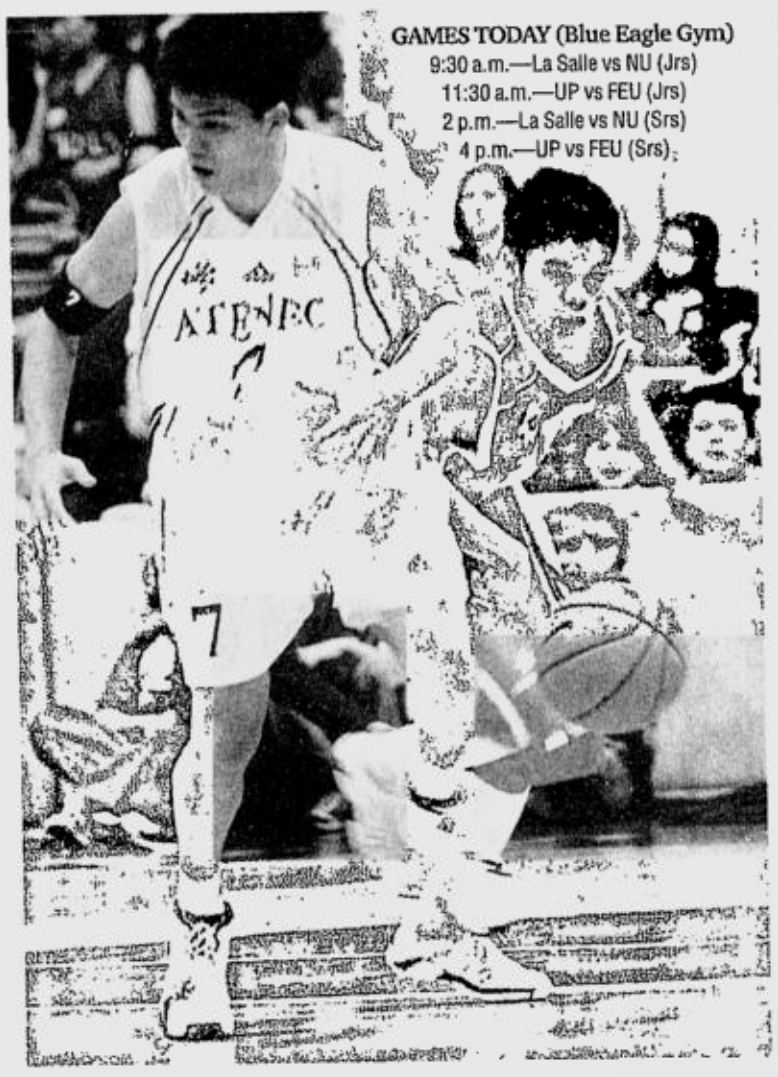


AUGUST DELA CRUZ

UE'S Bon-Bon Custodio swipes the ball away from Ateneo's JC Intal.

By Jasmine W. Payo

NOT looking a bit tired, Ateneo's indefatigable Eagles crushed the University of the East Warriors, 75-69, yesterday to grab solo second place in the UAAP basketball tournament eliminations at the Araneta Coliseum.

Veterans LA Tenorio and JC Intal again provided the spark for the Eagles, who rolled to their seventh straight win and an 8-2 record with their repeat over the Warriors.

"I was wary that we'll be playing tired after our game against UP last Thursday. But we showed up a lot sharper," said Ateneo coach Norman Black. "We played really good defense."

The Warriors, who slipped to third at 8-3, showed none of their usual offensive prowess until late in the game and with the outcome already settled.

Earlier, Warren de Guzman buried a key three-pointer as the Santo Tomas Tigers slipped past the Adamson Falcons, 65-62.

De Guzman, who just recovered from intestinal flu, nailed the game-clinching basket in the last 17.3 seconds to push the Tigers ahead, 63-62 as Santo Tomas joined the Falcons in sixth place with 3-8 records.

Ateneo looked the superior team right from the start, jumping to a 15-5 lead behind Tenorio and Japeth Aguilar. The Eagles even led by as many as 18 early in the third period.

The Warriors, whose last loss also came at the expense of the Eagles in the first round 65-63, finally trimmed the deficit to eight, 51-43, at the end of the third quarter. One final rally in the closing minutes got the Warriors to within 69-62.

The Eaglets led in junior play after blasting the Pages, 93-52, for an 8-2 mark. The Baby Falcons routed the Cubs, 71-51, for a 6-5 card.

Meanwhile, Philippine Christian University coach Junel Baculi was recommended for suspension yesterday for his unbecoming conduct in the Dolphins' 75-81 loss to the San Sebastian Stags last Friday. Baculi was caught on TV flashing the dirty finger after PCU's Carlos Cecilia was charged an offensive foul late in the third quarter.

**The scores:**

First Game (Srs)

**UST 65**—De Guzman 15, Duncil 8, Taylor 8, Allera 8, Cortez 7, Pribhdas 6, Cuan 5, Dizon 4, Evangelista 4, Espiritu 0, Ababou 0.

**ADAMSON 62**—Bono 13, Cabahug 12, Hate 9, Tiongco 8, Pacheco 4, Tahonera 4, Canuday 4, Yong 2, Poloyapoy 2, Hugnatan 2, Gonzalgo 2, Capati 0, Basillo 0.

Quarters: 11-17, 24-34, 45-49, 65-62

Second Game (Srs)

**ATENEO 75**—Intal 15, Tenorio 14, Aguilar 11, Quimson 9, Membrere 7, Reyes 6, Laterre 4, Kramer 4, Escalona 4, Barracoso 1, Del Rosario 0.

**UE 69**—Espiritu 13, Arellano 13, Cañizares 11, Borboran 9, Gregorio 7, Labagala 6, Raymundo 5, Sagulndel 3, Custodio 2, Palaganas 0, Martinez 0.

Quarters: 22-14, 36-24, 51-43, 75-69

# RP 5, Aces seek all-Pinoy final in Brunei cage meet

BRUNEI—National coach Chot Reyes got what he wanted. Now it's up to the Filipinos to finish the job.

The RP-San Miguel and the Alaska Aces were set to meet separate foes Saturday night at the National Indoor Stadium, hoping to hurdle the final obstacles to forging an all-Filipino showdown in the fifth Shell Rimula Cup basketball tournament.

The RP-San Miguel squad will face the Toshiba Brave Thunders, who dealt the Nationals their only loss thus far in the event. The Aces will tackle elimination round topnotchers SK Knights of South Korea.

South Korea, which barely got past Alaska in the eliminations, routed the Brave Thunders of Japan, 99-79, Friday night.

That 20-point victory by the South Koreans propelled them to the No. 1 spot in the semifinals on Saturday by virtue of a superior quotient over the Nationals and the Japanese.

The SK Knights, RP-SMB and Toshiba all finished the elimination round with identical 4-1 cards and that huge win by the Koreans gave them a big +40 in the quotient.

The Nationals, who edged SK Knights Wednesday night, 97-95, had +20 to get the second spot while the Japanese, whose four-game winning streak came to an end, got only +10 to settle for the No. 3 spot.

The Aces, who formalized their entry into the semis via a 115-43 whipping of the Warriors All-Stars in the first game, gained the No. 4 spot in the four-nation, six-team tourney.

Head coaches Tim Cone of Alaska and Chot Reyes of RP-SMB were seen giving each other high fives after the final buzzer of the SK Knights-Toshiba match, proof of their approval of the outcome and the pairings.

"I think Toshiba plays more like the PBA style than the SK Knights so I guess it will be a good match-up for both teams," said Cone.

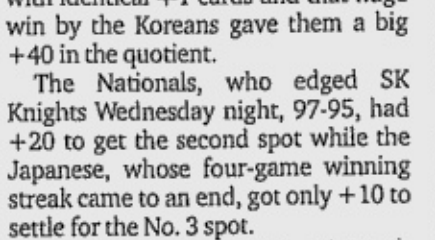
"In my team, I think we will be ready. We're getting a better feel of the game and style of play of the other teams. This will be a very interesting semifinal round," Cone added.

Toshiba, the reigning JBL Super League champion, inflicted the only loss of the Nationals, 89-80, on the first day of the week-long tournament, thus giving Reyes and his wards a chance to even up with the Japanese.

Alaska, which ended its elimination round with a 2-3 win-loss mark, also lost to the SK Knights in the eliminations, 69-78, but the Aces are expected to fare better in the semis with Jeffrey Cariaso back in its fold and Tee McClary getting a one-day rest.

Cariaso, who arrived here early Friday morning, shrugged off the jetlag and scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds against the Warriors in his debut in the tournament which offers $20,000 prize money for the champion.

# Sepak bets eye good showing




THOUGH warned by the Philippine Olympic Committee from making any predictions, sepak takraw president Mario Tanchangco yesterday declared that they are expecting a very good performance this coming Southeast Asian Games.

"We are not allowed to make any predictions," said Tanchangco, referring to the directive from the POC that all predictions regarding the SEA Games should only come from POC president Peping Cojuangco.

Just the same, Tanchangco said the RP team is expected to surpass its dismal one-bronze feat during the Vietnam SEAG two years ago.

There are six sepak takraw gold medals to be disputed in the Nov. 27-Dec. 5 SEA Games where the country will lock horns against regional heavyweights Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

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**A SEVEN-MAN boxing team that includes light flyweight Harry Tañamor will fly to Vietnam today to see action in the tough Senior Asian Boxing championships.**

Tañamor, an Afro-Asian Games gold medalist and Olympic veteran, will be joined in the squad by Warlito Parenas (fly), Joan Tipon (bantam), Jonard Ladon (feather), Jennybird Bosadre (light), Mark Jason Melligen (lightwelter) and middleweight Maximino Tabangcora.

The tournament will run up to Sept. 5 and forms part of the selection process of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines for the coming 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

Abap president Manny Lopez is the head of delegation. Coaches Patricio Gaspi and Ronald Chavez are also joining the trip. *Musong R. Castillo*

# Australia Cup up at Sta. Ana

By Edwin Villanueva
*Contributor*

A COMBINATION of one race-tested galloper and a newcomer hoping to carve a name in local racing tries to give the powerhouse Hermie Esguerra Stable top honors in the 2005 William Inglis-Australia Cup today at the Santa Ana Park.

Suppressed sets out as the lead entry when she pairs with Ring Tone in the 1,600-meter main event pitting nine imported fillies and mares from Down Under.

A four-year-old bay filly sired by Xaar out of Stifled, Suppressed hopes to notch her first major win this year after landing a fighting second in the Gran Copa de Manila Division II last June and third in the Chino Roces Freedom Cup last week.

Louie Balboa, a former apprentice sensation, is riding Suppressed, who owns a distinction of having raced against tougher imported rivals in the past like Being There, Sound Offer and Glamour.

Experts are also taking a close look at Ring Tone, who at 3 years is the youngest in the field.

The bay daughter of Honour and Glory out of Anapalau lost to Toril in the MJCI Invitational in only her second official outing on Philippine soil recently but is expected to show vast improvement in this afternoon's outing.

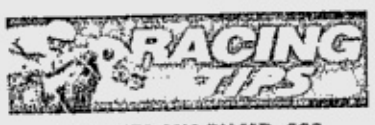
Jesse Guce, who had ridden Suppressed a number of times already, decided to remain atop Ring Tone.

Completing the cast vying for the P250,000 first prize are Lolita, Frosty Bally, Guad, Styles, Trieste, Ebony Dane and Royal Lantana, the oldest in the group at 7 years.

Lolita, to be handled by Dominador Borbe Jr., aims to duplicate the feat of her stablemate Sexiest, last year's runaway winner who eventually ruled the All-Import Championship.

In the day's other featured events, local bet West Bound clashes with imports Sound Offer and Pine Needles in the Australia-New Zealand Association Cup, Derby winner Don Paolo runs as the heavy favorite in the Australian Capital Territory Sprint, and another Esguerra entry, Gung Ho, leads the field in the Northern Territory Premium race. Eldy Salvador will be reunited with West Bound.

**GLOBAL BALL**
**Chicago Bulls' Ben Gordon lifts an oversized Spalding ball to show basketball's global acceptance.**

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Race 6—1. Secret Angel 2. Awesome Power 3. Long Hitter 4. Road Runner
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Race 13—1. Speed Highness 2. Cheska Run 3. Maximum Exposure 4. Scarab 5. Red Hot Water 6. Liar

# BAP in good graces with Fiba all along

LINA

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines has settled its membership dues with the international basketball federation last month and has been re-affiliated with the Fiba.

The BAP announcement yesterday came with a copy of a letter from Fiba secretary general Patrick Bauman dated Aug. 24 acknowledging receipt of payment of $2,460 and confirming the association's return to good standing with full rights like participation in Fiba international competitions and voting at the world congress.

The news release also carried a copy of a fax message from Carine Moura of the Fiba accounting department dated Aug. 22, where the certificate of payment by the BAP made in July was attached.

Joey Lina, BAP president, said the documents belied a claim by Philippine Basketball Federation president Mauricio "Moying" Martelino that the BAP had failed to settle its membership dues the last two years despite being given the fund for the purpose by the Philippine Olympic Committee.

"But that's not the real issue here," Lina explained. "Even without the confirmation, Fiba continues to recognize the BAP and the POC was told to resolve the problem for Fiba to lift the suspension on the Philippines.

"The ball is actually in POC's hand, and we (BAP) should not be blamed if basketball is not included in the SEA Games," Lina continued.

# Saints escape Hunters

By Marc Anthony Reyes

DENNIS San Pedro hit a triple from way out with 11 seconds left yesterday, lifting St. Clare to a 74-71 victory over New Era that snapped the Saints' two-game losing streak in the National Athletics Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities at the UM Gym.

San Pedro, who also made five assists, keyed the Saints' ninth victory in 11 games with his only basket for the game as St. Clare stayed in second spot behind idle leader University of Manila's 11-0 card.

"I guess we're back on track," said St. Clare coach Joel Dualan. "There are lessons learned from our back-to-back losses and this is proof that we have learned something from it."

It wasn't so for a brief moment, though.

With 2:20 left, the Saints almost lost a nine-point lead, allowing the Hunters back in the game with a 10-2 run anchored on Jeff de Guzman and William Ibay as New Era clawed to within 69-70. De Guzman scored six and Ibay four in that surge.

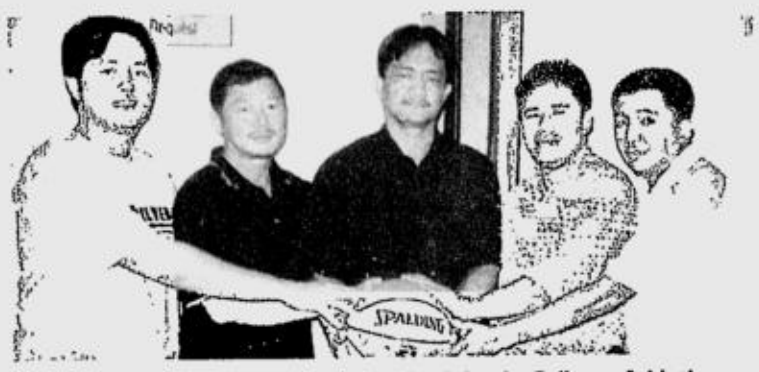
# Telfair coming to town

SEBASTIAN Telfair, the cat-quick playmaker of Portland who became the first point guard to jump straight from high school to the NBA, brings his act to Manila when he graces the Adidas Asian Streetball Finals on Sept. 3-4 at the Araneta Coliseum.

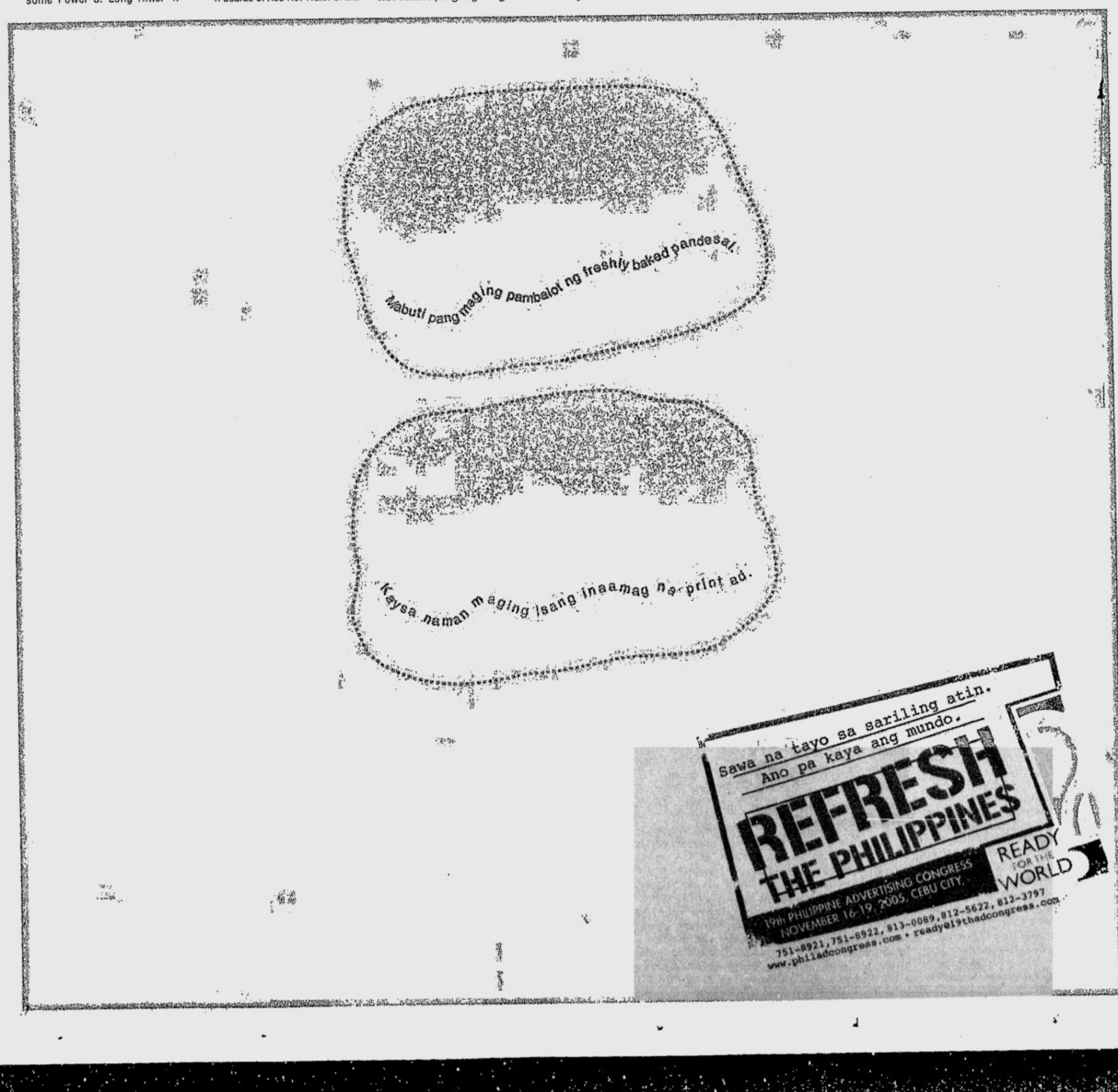
The sponsoring Adidas Phils. is rolling out the red carpet for Telfair, the former Lincoln High star, who has a $20 million Adidas deal in his hands. He normed 6.8 points in 68 games, including 26 starts, as a rookie in the NBA last season, highlighting his stint with single-game highs of 23 points, 13 assists and six steals.

Filipino fans can easily identify themselves with Telfair, who stands barely 6 feet tall and weighs about 160 pounds. Cage experts believe the 20-year-old cager is in line for bigger things.

"I'm very excited to be part of the Asian Streetball Finals and to experience the basketball culture of the region," said Telfair. "I can't wait to share my passion for the game with the young basketball talents in Asia." Telfai will arrive Sept. 1.



**NEW LEAGUE: Officials of the University Schools, Colleges Athletic Association pose with Basketball Association of the Philippines secretary general and USCAA Commissioner Graham Lim (second from left), during a meeting yesterday. Others are (from left) Ivan Beltran (New Era U), Ariel D.V. Lladones (NEU president), USCAA treasurer Richard de los Santos (AMA Computer) and Anthony Sulit (USCAA founder).**



CABAGNOT CASE

# PBA awaits formal complaint of SLR

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Basketball Association is only waiting for the formal complaint from Sta. Lucia before deciding on the Alex Cabagnot issue.

PBA Commissioner Noli Eala said any sanction to be imposed on Cabagnot, the Realtors' second overall pick in the rookie draft, would depend on the result of a thorough investigation by his office on the case.

"I have read and heard all about it," said Eala. "But there's no case to settle yet pending Sta. Lucia's formal complaint."

Cabagnot reportedly left for Hawaii last Wednesday a few days after contract negotiations with the Realtors went down the drain.

Sources said the 6-foot-1 playmaker had decided to complete his physical education degree at the University of Hawaii-Hilo, leaving the Realtors empty-handed after the franchise exercised its only pick in the first round of the recent rookie draft on Cabagnot.

"If there's malice on his (Cabagnot) intentions, the league will definitely come down hard on him," Eala told the INQUIRER.

Eala, however, refused to divulge the possible penalties waiting for Cabagnot.

"I don't want to speculate. There are procedures to be followed," said Eala, who left the PBA Press Corps Awards Night in a huff on Friday to catch a plane bound for Brunei.

According to league rules, Cabagnot will have to sit out for a year but could re-apply for the draft next season.

The Realtors could either trade their rights on Cabagnot or forfeit their hold on the NCAA Division 2 player from the UH-Hilo the following season.

But the Realtors are not letting Cabagnot off the hook easily with team governor and former PBA chairman Buddy Encarnado batting for a lifetime ban on the rookie being touted as someone better than Barangay Ginebra's Marc Caguioa.

"That kid should be taught a lesson," said Encarnado. "You just can't shake the hand of a man after an agreement has been forged and later tell him that you've changed you're mind."

# Lindsay regains No. 1 ranking

DAVENPORT: Back on top again AFP

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Lindsay Davenport will regain the women's world No. 1 ranking after beating Anna Chakvetadze, 6-3, 6-3, on Friday to reach the Pilot Pen final against Amelie Mauresmo.

Davenport had been No. 1 since October until this week when Maria Sharapova claimed the top spot for the first time. Sharapova didn't play this week, and Davenport had to make the final to become No. 1 again in Monday's new rankings.

Top-seeded Davenport will appear in her fifth Pilot Pen final and try to win it for the first time.

Mauresmo and Davenport last competed in the Wimbledon semifinals. Davenport won that match and holds a 9-3 lifetime advantage over the second-seeded Frenchwoman.

They took different paths to the final. Davenport cruised past Chakvetadze while Mauresmo survived a three-hour marathon with Anabel Medina Garrigues, winning, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Mauresmo immediately said she wanted to face Davenport: "Before a grand slam, you always want to compare yourself with the other best players." AP

# Juvic heads Samsung field

ALL BUT two of the 11 members of the national training pool for the Southeast Asian Games this December are due for a big tune-up as they compete in the third elimination leg of the Samsung Amateur Tour at the Camp John Hay Golf Club starting Tuesday in Baguio.

Multititled Juvic Pagunsan and Michael Bibat banner the huge championship division cast of 32 players who will dispute the top plum over 72 holes at the up-and-down layout.

They will be joined by other members of the training team—defending leg winner Jun Bernis, Jay Bayron, Boyet Saragoza, Marvin Dumandan, Louie Dakudao, JR Tanpinco and Gene Bondoc.

Also among the potential challengers are jungolf ace Tonton Asistio, National Caddies Open standouts Junel Ababa, Mario and Joseph Labajo, local bet Chester Calpotura and a handful of Koreans.

Erwin Vinluan decided not to join after winning the second leg at the Pueblo de Oro course in Cagayan de Oro recently, while another pool member, Artemio Murakami, is flying to Japan today to try to qualify for the Japan Tour.

The winner qualifies for next year's national grand finals of the Samsung Amateur Tour also sponsored by Tokyo Tokyo, KZG, Microtel, Coppertone Sport, Srixon, Philippine Airlines as the official carrier, Sunbolt, Rudy Project, C-Lium Fiber and Sports Plus. Media partners are Wave 89.1, Jam 88.3, 89.9, 99.5 RT, 103.5 K-Lite and Killer Bee.

Veteran Carmelette Villaroman heads the ladies' field.

# 'Shamtee'

SPECTATOR

*Al S. Mendoza*

THE PHILIPPINE-San Miguel Beer team has been continuing its good performances overseas, the ongoing Brunei series included, and that's a healthy sign for Philippine basketball.

For one, coach Chot Reyes' boys reaping one success after another speaks well of their determination to win games, inconsequential or not, even though they are there merely to gain experience in preparation for the real battles ahead, like the Fiba-Asia, World Championship and the Olympics, if ever. The habit of winning —that's what is being inculcated right now in the minds of Chot's wards.

For another, the uninterrupted campaigns abroad will surely augur well for us in the long run, never mind if, in November, we won't have basketball in the SEA Games in Manila. A hard pill to swallow, it may seem, if that should happen but still, it won't be the end of the road for us. One missed port is not the entire journey. Like Columbus and Magellan, we'd find many other goals to conquer. There'd be other horizons to be explored, courses to be charted. Thus, it's better to be always prepared than not.

In short, Chot Reyes' vision of preparing a team early will, in due time, finally kill our sick style of cramming only when the fight is near.

I also raise a glass to San Miguel, particularly to its chief Beerman, Ramon Ang, ECJ's most trusted lieutenant for years. Not many know about this but in a most stunning gesture, Ramon Ang has unflinchingly thrown his support behind Chot Reyes' almost impossible mission of bringing basketball glory back to us on the international scene.

It's a tall order but, as in love, it's better to have tried than not having tried at all.

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**The case of Alex Cabagnot, who left Sta. Lucia Realty under mysterious circumstances after he was chosen No. 2 in the draft, is an eye-opener.**

**It sort of exposed a chink in the armor of the PBA, so to speak. The league now ought to review its 30-year-old Charter, particularly in the aspect of policies for draftees.**

Cabagnot leaving Sta. Lucia without saying goodbye smacked terribly of indecency and ungentlemanly behavior.

Cabagnot may have his reasons for his dastardly act—like completing his studies in Hawaii, which, if true, is a noble one. But whatever his reasons, he should have still gone to Buddy Encarnado, the very reasonable Sta. Lucia executive, faced the music and acted like a man.

Tell it like it is.

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By just disappearing like a burst bubble, what Cabagnot did was a sissy act of the highest degree. He'll never live that down. He'd carry that cross the rest of his life.

First, the "Fil-Shams."

Now, the "shamtees."

Cabagnot has just earned the honor of being the country's first "shamtee."

I can't blame Buddy E if he wants Cabagnot banned for life in the PBA.

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It is Sarah, not Sandra. Sarah, the daughter of Gary Lewis of the Sixties group "The Playboys" who is the leader of a band based in Manila, is being sought out by Steve O'Neal for possible inclusion to the Gary Lewis and The Playboys concert at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 10. Steve's number is 0917-5257778.

Speaking of concerts, remember Chito Bertol, the most famous Elvis Presley mimic next to Eddie Mesa?

Chito, now the country's longest-serving government executive (he's been chief of the Manila Seedling Bank for 28 years now), has also a concert in the making but of a different kind. He's inviting devotees to Santo Padre Pio to join him in a pilgrimage to Europe set for Nov. 3-24.

With his entourage that will visit miracle sites like Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of Fatima in France, Italy, Portugal, Monaco and Spain are Fr. Arnold M. Aurillo of Ipil, Ormoc City in Leyte, Manoling and Julie Torres, and Tez Bertol. For more details, call 0921-3431788, 5211651, 5211638 and 5211698.

I could not join Chito because of my coverage of the SEA Games in November. Maybe next year, Elvis?

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**FASTBREAK. With one day left (that's today) for the public to view the Coconut Festival at SM Megamall, the man behind the smashingly successful show can't help but celebrate in his usual quiet, reserved way. "I am overwhelmed and, this early, I express my deepest gratitude to all my teammates and the Filipino entrepreneurs who joined us to make this project a success for the fourth straight year," said Caloy Carpio, the Philcoa deputy administrator who spent sleepless nights preparing the event. I saw Chris Michelena there on Friday and his LHM booth was teeming with people gushing over his Virgin Coconut Oil-ANH (Absolutely No Heat) products. Also drawing the crowds are the Minola, Viviendo, Sorsogon, Ginoco, Chemrez (biodiesel) and Quezon's Best booths. Don't miss it, fellas. Good for your health.**

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# Antonio cops 2nd in KL chess

FILIPINO Grandmaster Joey Antonio crushed Vietnamese Super GM Dao Thien Hai in the 11th and final round to grab solo second place in the Dato Arthur Tan 2nd Malaysian Open Friday at the 5th Floor of Midvalley Citytel Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The win earned Antonio $2,500 in prize money. He owed a portion of it to runaway winner GM Wang Hao of China.

Wang beat erstwhile second placer GM Ian Rogers of Australia to give Antonio a better finish and a bigger pay. Wang finished with 10 points and Antonio 8.0.

International Master Jayson Gonzales finshed third after the tie-break. He finished with 7.5 points along with GM Nelson Mariano II, Rogers, Indonesian GM Utut Adianto, Vietnamese GM Nguyen Anh Dung and Indian GM Kunte Abhijit. Gonzales drew with GM Eugene Torre, who finished with 7.0 points, while Mariano beat FM Irwanto Sadikin of Indonesia.

# Iloilo to host active tourney

ILOILO takes its turn as host of the Shell National Youth Active Chess Championships on Sept. 3-4 with a big field expected to see action at SM City-Iloilo (3/F, Activity Center).

The event will feature the juniors, exclusively for players 20 years old and below, and the kiddies, for players 14 and below.

For details, contact area coordinator Cesar Mariano at 0919-2833826 or (033) 336-6205 and Alex Dinoy at 0916-5146384 or (02) 744-1664.

The seven-round Swiss system tournament serves as the sixth leg of the eight-stage nationwide circuit culminating in the grand finals on Oct. 15-16 at SM City North EDSA.

The event, which has produced the likes of Grandmaster Nelson Mariano II and International Masters Mark Paragua and Richard Bitoon, is backed by Shell Better Mileage Gasolines, Accel, Cebu Pacific, McDonald's Philippines, and Shellane in cooperation with SM Supermalls, Gaisano Mall (Davao City) and Lim Ketkai Mall (Cagayan de Oro City).

A P20,000 grand prize is at stake in the juniors class while the kiddies champion will receive P10,000. Leg winners will get P5,000 (juniors) and P4,000 (kiddies).

# Gesta vs Dujali at Ringside

FORMER amateur standout Mercito Gesta tries to stretch his win record to nine when he collides with Chris Dujali in today's Ginebra San Miguel's Ringside TV Boxing from 3-4 p.m. on ABC-5. A protégé of ex-world champion Gerry Peñalosa, Gesta is favored in the eight-round bout at 116-lbs. Presented by Galorde Enterprises Inc. and ABC-5, with support from PCSO, the Gesta-Dujali encounter will also be shown in different parts of the United States, Canada and Japan courtesy of Mabuhay Channel.

# Fistorama on RPN-9

FISTORAMA features this afternoon the superbantamweight fight between Rolly Lunas and Jake Verano at the Lapu Lapu Sports Center in Cebu. Fistorama is shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, Fistorama is aired nationwide at 4 p.m. Sundays on RPN-9. Meanwhile, Golf Power Plus airs at 3 p.m. the quarterfinals of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge.


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## San Juan Coliseum opening

ALL ROADS lead to the world-class San Juan Coliseum for its grand opening and the staging of the GCAP 8-Stag Big Event on Sept. 13-15. According to Patrick "Idol" Antonio, Boy "Lechon" de Roca and Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, operators of the 2,500-seating capacity and fully air-conditioned venue, attendance is expected to be filled to the rafters. GCAP founder and sabong idol Patrick Antonio announced that a minimum of 30-big-time cockers and breeders have confirmed their participation in the event. Ammong them are Manny Pacquiao, Gerry Ramos, Mayor Nene Aguilar, Tony Lasala, Benjie Lim, Biboy Enriquez, Jun Topacio, Cong. Butch Pichay, Cong. Jing Paras, Cong. Nonoy Libanan, Cong. Gerry Espina, Dicky Lim, ROxas Brothers, Eric dela Rosa, Ramon Mansenares, Jet Fernando, Pampanga Group, Sonny Lagon, Pol Estrellado, Nitoy Nasser, William Go, Allan Syiaco, James Uy, Boy Royo, Rod Barro and Bong Villanueva. Antonio said that only stags banded by reputable breeder organizations will be accepted for screening and legbanding by selected GCAP members with unquestionable integrity two weeks before the derby day.

## Roligon cockfest

TWO BLOCKBUSTER derbies are scheduled at Roligon Mega Cockpit next month. Scheduled on Sept. 3, 5 and 7 is the ""National Showdown 7 – Stag Derby" with veteran promoter Danny Ty and Romero Yu as hosts. This event attracted 124 entries last year. On Sept. 17, 19, 21, 24 and 27 is the "Ika – 10 Taong Palaban 6 – Stag Derby" with Edgar Coronel of Pasig as host. Fred Reyes, a little –known cocker from Pangasinan, emerged as solo champion in last year's edition which drew 375 entries. Pit managers Renato Shio, Gerald Go and Abu Centeno will assist the hosts in both events. Meanwhile, interested breeders may bring their stags at Roligon today and on Sept. 3 and 4 for screening. Lakpue Dug Inc. and Thunderbird Power Feeds will sponsor the derby. For details, call 851 -2275, 833- 1638 at 852- 9812 o 0917 -8277484.

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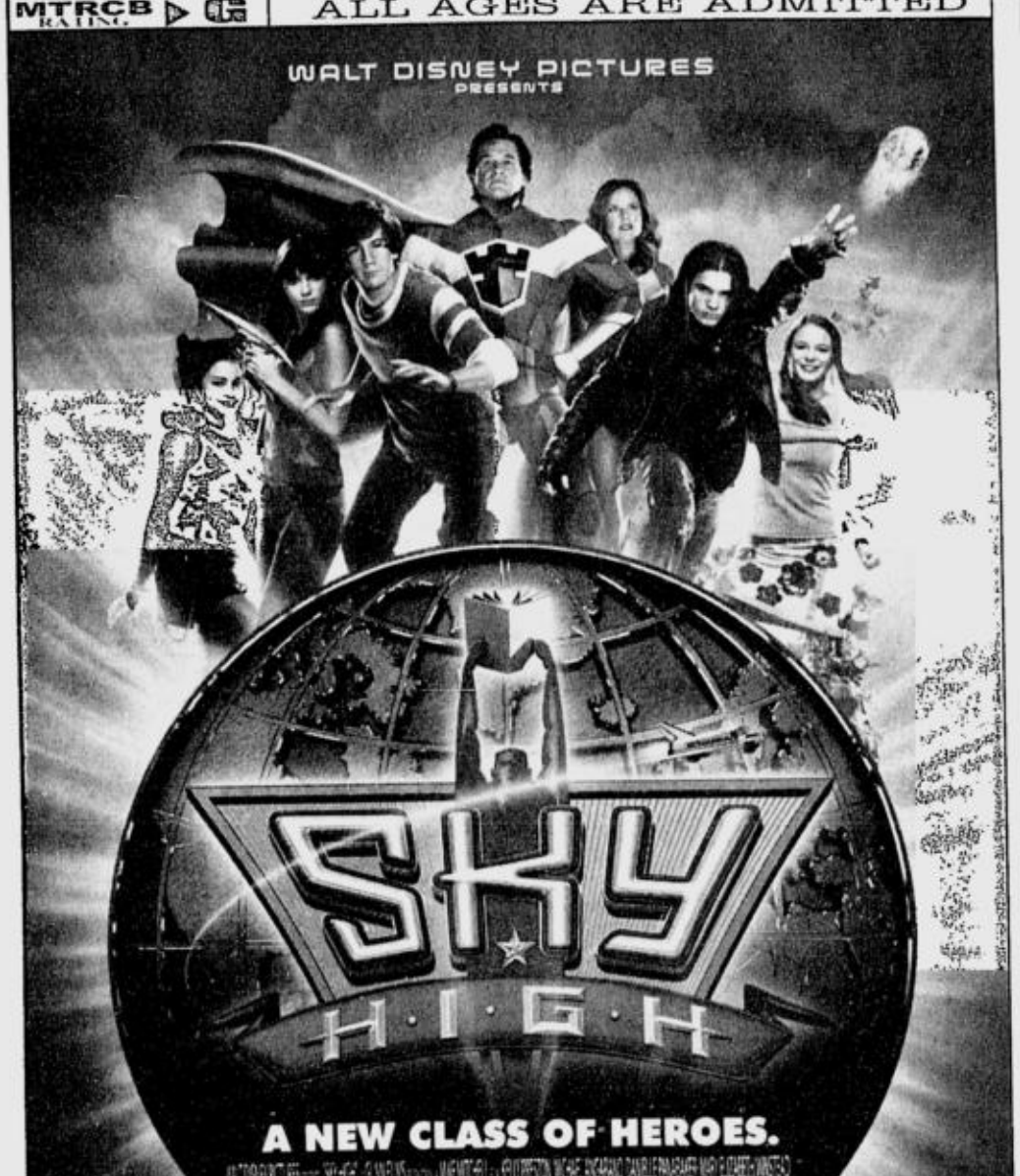


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1 BEWITCHED • THX
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3 THE GREAT RAID
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4 THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

5 THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELLING PANTS
12:00 2:20 4:50 7:20 9:50

6 VALIANT
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### METRO EAST 682-8193 • 682-8199

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4 MGA PUSANG GALA

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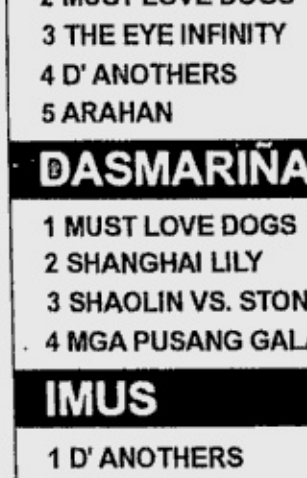


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1 THE LONGEST YARD
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2 VALIANT
MTRCB. GP
12.40, 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 9.00

3 THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
MTRCB. R-13
11.55, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15

4 THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELLING PANTS
MTRCB. GP
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1 THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
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8:10, 10:35
PG-13

2 VALIANT
1:50, 4:00, 6:10
8:20, 10:30
GP

3 SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS
12:30, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30, 11:00
GP

4 THE LONGEST YARD
1:05, 3:35, 6:05
8:35, 11:00
PG-13

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| TRUTH ABOUT LOVE PG13 1:25,3:35,5:45,7:55,10:05 | SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS PG13 12:15,2:45,5:15, 7:45,10:15 | LONGEST YARD PG13 12:30,3:00,5:30, 8:00,10:30 |


# Cabanatuan cycling today

CENTRAL Luzon's legion of cycling fans are expected to gather in Cabanatuan City today to witness the second leg of the Cycling Search Invitational series firing off at the old Nueva Ecija provincial capital building.

Some of the country's top riders and young cycling hopefuls will see action in the event serving as one of the main attractions commemorating the 109th anniversary of the city.

Cabanatuan City Mayor Jay Vergara will fire the starting gun of the criterium races sanctioned by the Philippine Cycling Federation and sponsored by Pagcor, TCL, Philpost, Partas and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Also gracing the start is city administrator Dr. Roy Ortiz, who has quietly worked behind the scenes with organizers to stage the bike-fest also sponsored by UCPB Gen, Maximum Electronics and Avia performance footwear.

The organizing Treo Sales Management Corp. has put up cash prizes as incentive for the competing cyclists in the youth, elite, elite pro and women's divisions.

The top 10 leg finishers in each of the categories will receive cash prizes, with the leg champion in each class getting P3,000.

# Perpetual-Molino notches 2nd win

PERPETUAL Help-Molino lived up to its billing as the team to beat as it stormed to a 25-18, 21-25, 25-14, 25-18 victory over Philippine Christian U-Dasma in the resumption of the 6th Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SLCUAA) men's volleyball competitions at the Brent International School Gym recently.

The Altas' second straight victory was a fitting follow up to the team's 25-13, 25-21, 25-13 triumph over STI College on opening day of this 11-member league.

The PCU volleybelles, however, made up for their men's team setback with a 24-26, 25-13, 25-16, 25-16 victory over San Pedro College of Business Administration.

Defending champion St. Francis of Assisi College Systems swept the PCU's boys, 25-8, 21-15, 25-20, while host Colegio San Agustin turned back PCU's girls, 25-23, 23-25, 25-23, 25-22.

Perpetual-Calamba, however, lost thrice to Brent in men's, women's and boys' play.


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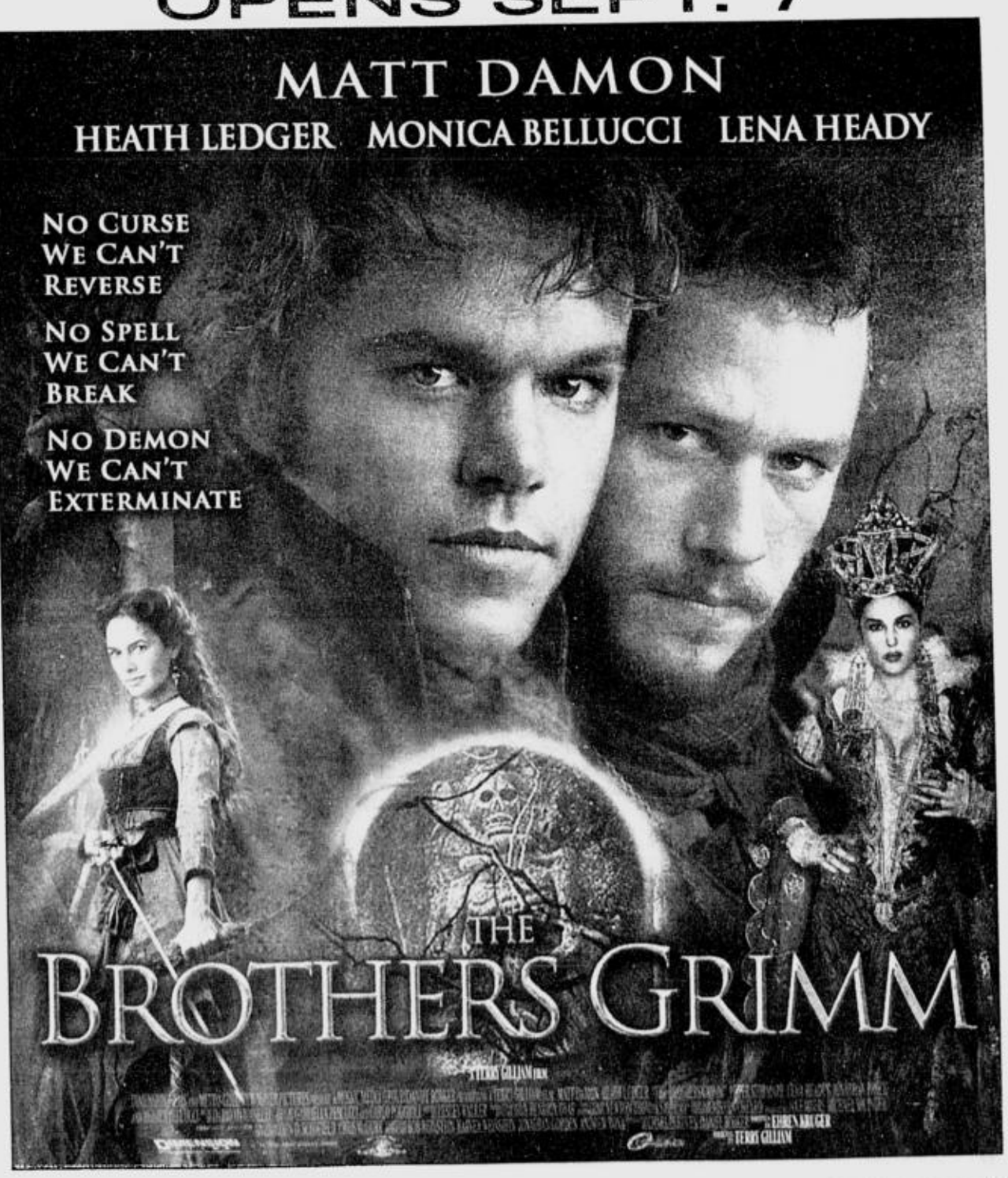

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| G1 GLORIETTA 1 | 1 SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS | 2 THE LONGEST YARD | 3 THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE | 4 D' ANOTHERS |
| G4 GLORIETTA 4 | 1 VALIANT | 2 THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE | 3 THX SKELETON KEY 1:50, 4 00, 6 10, 8 20, 10 30 GUARANTEED SEATS | |
| | 4 BEWITCHED | 5 MUST LOVE DOGS | 6 SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS | 7 THE LONGEST YARD |
| GB1 GREENBELT 1 | 1 CINEMANILA SNEAK PREVIEW For screening schedule, call 750-4180 to 81 | 2 THE LONGEST YARD 11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00 | | |
| GB3 GREENBELT 3 | 1 THX SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 1 20, 3 50, 6 20, 8 50, 11 20 GUARANTEED SEATS | 2 THX THE LONGEST YARD 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 8.55, 11 15 GUARANTEED SEATS | | |
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| | 3 SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS | 4 MUST LOVE DOGS | 5 VALIANT | |
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**Manderlay** *Lars Von Trier (Denmark/USA, 2005)*
The second installment in a trilogy USA - Land of Opportunities, that began with Dogville. The story of slavery in the American South. *Golden Palm-Nominated* - Cannes 2005

**Kekexili: Mountain Patrol** Lu Chuan (China, 2004)
A moving true story about volunteers protecting antelope against poachers in the severe mountains of Tibet. *Don Quixote-Special Award* - Berlin 2005

**Frozen Land** *Aku Louhimies (Finland, 2005)*
Comprises three overlapping stories, the disparate characters of which share a common destiny as a counterfeit banknote touches their lives. *FIPRESCI Prize, Nordic Film Prize, Nordic Vision Award* - Göteborg Filmfest 2005 *Special Jury Prize* - Moscow 2005

**Factotum** *Bent Hammer (USA/Norway, 2005)*
A jack-of-all-trades wanders around LA trying to live off jobs which don't interfere with his primary interests - women, drinking, gambling and writing. Stars: Matt Dillon, Lili Taylor, Fisher Stevens and Marisa Tomei. *Directors' Fortnight* - Cannes 2005

**Daybreak** *Bjorn Runge (Sweden, 2003)*
A dark drama about the destructive nature of dishonesty and betrayal. *Blue Angel, Silver Berlin Award* - Berlinale 2004

**Bishonen** *Yonfan (Hong Kong, 1998)*
Hong Kong's star gigolo falls in love with a hunky policeman. A story of false identities and deceit ensues.

**Hawaii, Oslo** *Erik Poppe (Denmark/Norway, 2004)*
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| In Sta. Cruz, | SM San Lazaro Premiere Cinemas | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| In Las Piñas, | SM Southmall Premiere Cinemas | 1, 3, 4 |
| In Cebu | SM Cebu Premiere Cinemas | 1, 2, 3 |

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| Trumpets<br>**THE LITTLE MERMAID**<br>September 3-9, 2005<br>SM Megamall Cinema 10 | Martin Nievera<br>**I SING FOR YOU**<br>September 10, 2005<br>Saturday • 8:30pm<br>SM Southmall Cinema 3 | Christine Bellen's<br>**MGA KUWENTO NI LOLA BASYANG**<br>September 1-3, 2005<br>10 am and 3 pm<br>(with 7pm show on Saturday)<br>SM Centerpoint Cinema 5 |

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**THE PODIUM** 633-8976
1 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE 01:55FS/02:25MF/04:35/06:45 08:25FS/09:00LMF/10:40END
2 LONGEST YARD 12:50FS/01:20MF/03:50/06:20 08:20LFS/09:00LFS/10:55END

**MANILA**
TRUTH ABOUT LOVE 10:30FS/10:40MF/12:30/02:20/04:10/06:00/07:50 09:30LFS/09:40LMF/11:35END

**CEBU** (032) 231-3876
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2 SKELETON KEY 10:50FS/11:00MF/01:06/03:12/5:18/07:24 09:10FS/09:30LMF/11:15END
3 WEDDING CRASHERS 10:50FS/11:00MF/01:06/03:12/05:18/07:24 09:20LFS/09:30LFS/11:25END

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**SM NORTH EDSA**
1 LONGEST YARD
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3 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
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**SM CITY MANILA**
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**SM CITY STA MESA**
1 LONGEST YARD
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**SM CITY SOUTHMALL**
1 LONGEST YARD
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3 SISTERHOOD OF TRAVELING PANTS
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5 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
6 THE GREAT RAID
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10 BEWITCHED

**SM SAN LAZARO**
1 LONGEST YARD
2 SKELETON KEY
3 VALIANT
4 D' ANOTHERS
5 MUST LOVE DOGS
6 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

**SM SUPERCENTER SUCAT**
1 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR
2 EVIL EYES
3 LONGEST YARD
4 THE GREAT RAID

**SM CITY BICUTAN**
1 LONGEST YARD
2 ICE PRINCESS
3 EVIL EYES
4 THE GREAT RAID

### LUZON

**SM CITY PAMPANGA**
1 THE GREAT RAID
2 WEDDING CRASHERS
3 BEWITCHED
4 D' ANOTHERS
5 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR
6 PUSANG GALA

**SM CITY BACOOR**
1 PUSANG GALA
2 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
3 SKELETON KEY
4 LONGEST YARD
5 THE GREAT RAID
6 D' ANOTHERS
7 EVIL EYES
8 THE ISLAND

**SM CITY DASMARINAS**
SKELETON KEY
2 D' ANOTHERS
MUST LOVE DOGS
4 SHAOLIN VS STONE WARRIOR

**SM CITY LUCENA**
STEALTH
D' ANOTHERS
3 CRASH
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**SM CITY BAGUIO**
1 WEDDING CRASHERS
2 THE EYE INFINITY
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 ARAHAN

**SM CITY MARILAO**
1 WEDDING CRASHERS
2 BEWITCHED
3 D' ANOTHERS
4 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**SM CITY BATANGAS**
IF ONLY
D' ANOTHERS
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 THE MACHINIST

### VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

**SM CITY CEBU**
1 BEWITCHED
2 SKELETON KEY
3 WEDDING CRASHERS
4 BEWITCHED
IF ONLY
5 PUSANG GALA
6 SHAOLIN vs. EVIL DEAD
7 D' ANOTHERS
8 THE GREAT RAID

**SM CITY ILOILO**
1 CRASH
RESERVED
3 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
4 D' ANOTHERS
5 WEDDING CRASHERS
6 STEALTH
7 RESERVED
8 THE GREAT RAID

**SM CITY DAVAO**
1 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
2 ARAHAN
3 D' ANOTHERS
4 PUSANG GALA
5 BEWITCHED
6 THE GREAT RAID

**SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO**
1 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
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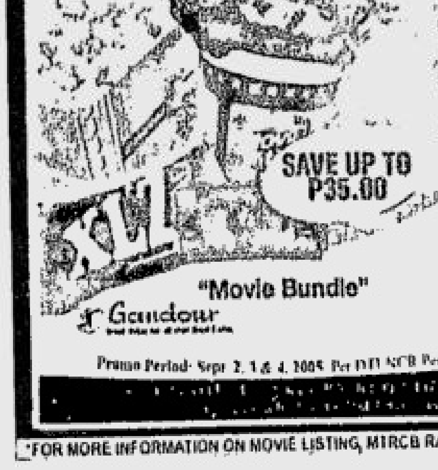

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# Stern warning for 'Big Brother'

By Marinel R. Cruz

ONLY in its first week of airing, ABS-CBN's new reality show, "Pinoy Big Brother" has already received a stern warning from the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board for airing "objectionable dialogue" and footage of female contestants in "skimpy" outfits.

MTRCB Chair Marissa Laguardia told INQUIRER Entertainment that she met with ABS-CBN executives on Friday to discuss how "to make [the show] more wholesome."

## Incident report

The warning and discussion were prompted by an incident report submitted on Aug. 24 by two MTRCB special agents who reviewed the first two episodes on Aug. 22 and 23.

According to the report, one segment in the pilot show was a group conversation about female contraceptives. One male contestant said: *"Di pa ako nakakakita ng* condom *sa* girls (sic)*... ano ba ang itsura?"* A female contestant replied: *"Yung bilog... isusuot sa loob para ikaw* (male) *hindi na magsusuot."*

Using a condom was described as *"Pangit... parang* eating banana *na may balat."*

On Aug. 23, the housemates shared stories of their first sexual intercourse. The report continued: "One of the males said he was 8 when it happened, with a maid."

The agents insisted that such dialogue was not suitable for TV.

In "Pinoy Big Brother," 12 young men and women live together in a house for 100 days, with 26 cameras following them around as they develop relationships.

*(See Nestor U. Torre's "Viewfinder" on Page A2-3.)*

Laguardia said the Board earlier received similar complaints from a group called Code M, citing "too intimate" footage, for instance, female contestants taking a bath or changing their underwear.

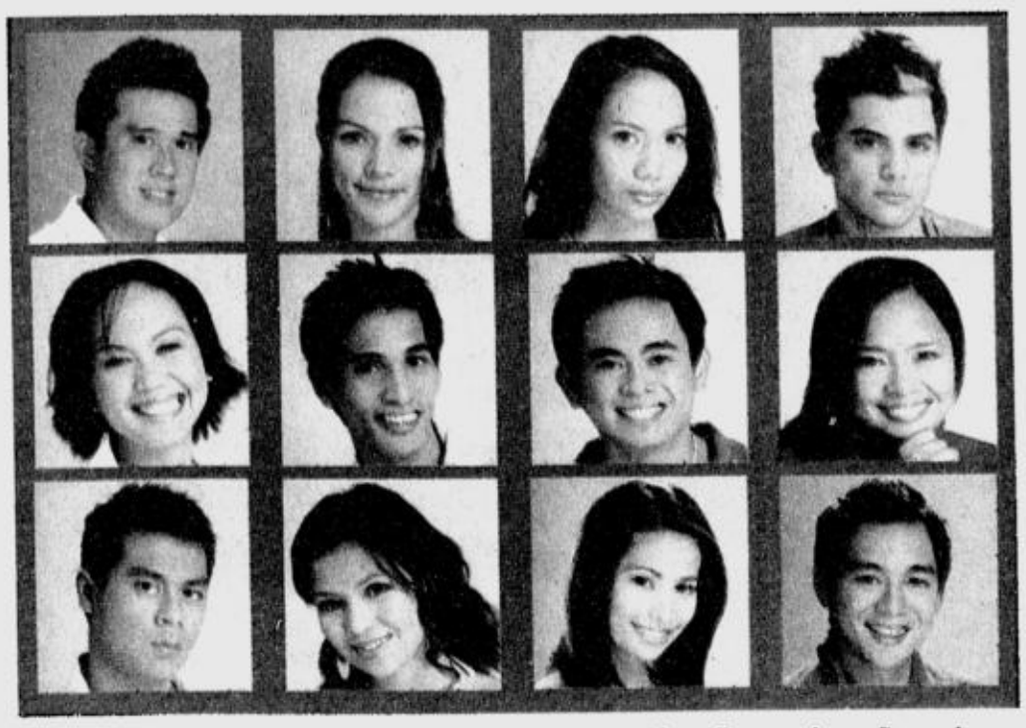
She said the Board also found objectionable the airing of one particular scene featuring a male and two female housemates during a body-painting session. The guy wore tight-fitting shorts and some parts of his body were blurred, Laguardia said, but viewers could still see that the girls were painting the crotch area.

But she said the network was "receptive" to the Board's suggestions. "They said it was a new show and they were still adjusting. They promised an 'improved' show next week, something more acceptable to [both] parents and kids."

## Preview episodes

In the coming weeks, ABS-CBN would also submit taped episodes for preview, said Laguardia. "Meanwhile, we'll continue with post-reviews. If we find any more objectionable parts, we could suspend its airing."

Present in Friday's meeting were censors Ed Sicam and Erik Mallonga, and ABS-CBN execs Cory Vidanes and Linggit Tan, lawyer Mario Santos and "Big Brother" director Lauren Dyogi.



LEFT to right, first row—Bob, Jenny, Chx, Uma; second row—Nene, Franzen, Jason, Racquel; third row—Rico, Sheryl, Cass and JB. Discussing sex on nationwide TV.

MTRCB acts swiftly on a report that the new reality TV show is not suited for viewing by children ...ABS-CBN listens

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## ROUNDUP

### TFC dealers protest

LOS ANGELES—Thousands of dealers of The Filipino Channel (TFC) in the United States are protesting the decision of ABS-CBN Global to "dump" them in favor of satellite direct-to-home (DTH) operator, DirecTV.

As part of an "expansion program," the network signed up with DirecTV, the biggest DTH television firm in the US, for the exclusive distribution of TFC to all DirecTV subscribers for a monthly fee of $22.99, in addition to mainstream American programming.

The dealers say the arrangement displaces ABS-CBCN's dedicated TFC Direct system, which offers only Filipino programming. Therefore, it has also resulted in a displacement of Pinoy TFC dealers.

DirecTV also carries new US entrant, GMA 7's Pinoy TV. New subscribers can ask for Pinoy TV for $9.99 more, in addition to TFC, but they cannot get Pinoy TV alone. The TFC-DirecTV arrangement allows subscribers to get TFC alone.

"This is anomalous," said Arthur Villamayor, one of the biggest TFC dealers in the US Midwest, and who is based in Kansas City, Missouri. "The TFC-DirecTV contract is one-sided. It takes away subscribers' freedom of choice." *MNS*

### Dengue downs Cherrie Pie

ACTRESS Cherrie Pie Picache was diagnosed with dengue a few days after the Department of Health declared a nationwide alert. Cherrie Pie is now confined at the St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City, according to her manager Ed Instrella.

"She has had fever for three days now. She also complains of headaches," Instrella told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday. "The medicines for fever that she took did not work. Right now, her doctor is carefully monitoring her platelets count."

Instrella said Picache suspects she acquired the infection either while taping for her TV show or shopping in flea markets. *Marinel R. Cruz*

### Bo leaves hospital

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — "American Idol" finalist Bo Bice is out of the hospital after undergoing intestinal surgery.

"He's in an undisclosed place for more R&R," said Donny Acton, the singer's pastor at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church. *AP*

### 'Stray Cats' on the road

DEBUTING director Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil's "Mga Pusang Gala" ("The Stray Cats"), the first Filipino movie shot on mini-DV transferred to film, did so well in its Manila run, according to its producers in Erasto and MLR Films, that it will be shown from Aug. 24 to 31 in major cities nationwide.

### 'Masahista' goes places

AFTER wining the Golden Leopard trophy in the video competition of the Locarno International Film Festival in Switzerland, Brillante "Dante" Mendoza's "Masahista" ("The Masseur") will be screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, beginning Sept. 19. From Toronto, it will be shown in Vancouver, and then in Chicago (US), Sao Paolo (Brazil), Ljubljana (Slovenia), and Thessanoliki (Greece).

### Also 'Maxi' and 'Minsan Pa'

AURAEUS Solito's "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros," Cinemalaya Special Jury Prize winner, is the only digital film in competition in the First Films World section of the Montreal World Festival, ongoing till Sept. 5. Also in the running at the first Asian Marine Film Festival, Sept. 2 to 4, in Makuhari, Japan, is Jeffrey Jeturian's "Minsan Pa," also produced by MLR.

*Bayani San Diego Jr.*

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**Are they happy or what? The kinetic cast of Stages' production of Dean Pitchford's "Footloose" is led by Jay-R and Jonard Yanzon alternating in the McCormack. The role made Hollywood actor Kevin Bacon a 1980s icon. Also among Stages' headliners are Iya Villania as Ariel Moore (foreground v Valdez as Wendy Jo. "Footloose" will be shown at the Meralco Theater all Fridays and Saturdays of September. Chari Arespacochaga directs.**

# 'Perhaps the most perfect film

**By Constantino C. Tejero**

ASIAN horror movies have become such a big trend that Hollywood studios are racing to remake even those that are only one or two years old. The remakes are often more technically polished, considering Hollywood budget and treatment, but the originals are usually more effective.

Because the performances are more raw and the effects more crude, the originals appear more real, the stories more haunting. Their feel is more barbarous, therefore, more powerful. Where the remake jolts, the original thrills.

### 'Ravishing, sublime'

Long before this particular horror-movie genre became rampant from Thailand to Taiwan, however, it had been perfected for over half a century in Japan.

We're talking particularly of Kenji Mizoguchi's "Ugetsu Monogatari." One of the true masterpieces of cinema, this film will be screened at the Japanese film festival Eiga Sai 2005 (schedule below).

This year's edition of the festival, billed "J Horror Films," features seven ghost stories, three of which we regard as masterworks—"Ugetsu," of course, then Masaki Kobayashi's "Kwaidan" and Kiyoshi Kurosawa's "Kairo."

Mizoguchi's film triumphs not just as a spooky tale but also for its precise merging of the ghost world and the familiar world.

A 1953 Venice Film Festival winner, it is reputed to be a landmark of art cinema and described as "ravishingly composed, evocatively beautiful film," notable for "unique establishment of atmosphere [via] long shot, long takes, sublimely graceful and unobtrusive camera movement." One film scholar went as far as to call it "perhaps the most perfect film ever made."

Since we first saw it, the images have remained with us: the appearance of a ghostly boat on the misty lake; Wakasa always as if walking on ether; Genjuro's wife crawling on the roadside after being stabbed and robbed.

Needless to say, the performances are uniformly outstanding.

The film resonantly speaks of other things besides: worldly ambition and greed; aesthetics as suggested by the art of pottery; bumbling humanity in time of civil war. Certainly more than you can expect from your garden-variety ghost story.

Just as spooky and painterly is Kobayashi's "Kwaidan," nominated for the 1964 Oscar Best Foreign Film.

Kobayashi was a student of Japanese painting and fine arts who drew extensively on this training for his film. Advancement in film technology naturally rendered its effects more polished than "Ugetsu's."

### Most terrifying

For all its ravishing visuals, though, color only makes it more gory while the black-and-white cinematography of the Mizoguchi film renders it more haunting.

A three-hour anthology film, "Kwaidan" consists of four stories of the supernatural set in pre-modern Japan. Of these, we find the second story, "The Woman of the Snow," the most terrifying.

The first, "Black Hair," resembles the central episode of "Ugetsu" formally and plotwise—although the Mizoguchi film was taken from the 18th-century Japanese collection "Tales of the Pale Moon After the Rain" by Akinari Ueda (the Japanese Maupassant), while this one was based on tales by the 19th-century American writer Lafcadio Hearn.

For that matter, we also seem to espy an influence of the third story, "Hoichi the Earless," on Ching Siu-tung's spectacular "A Chinese Gho

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# George Orwell comes to RP television

VIEWFINDER

*Nestor U. Torre*

LAST Monday, we caught the initial telecast of Channel 2's new reality challenge show, "Pinoy Big Brother."

As previews of the program had indicated, it has "trapped" 12 young men and women from different parts of the Philippines in a big house for 100 days, and is bent on covering their developing interrelationships with the many TV cameras the production has situated all over the place.

The show also puts its "guinea pigs" through tests, to see how they will react to them, and thus reveal their true personalities.

## Initial telecast

ABS-CBN has been making a big to-do about the show, but its first telecast left this viewer more befuddled than intrigued. Frankly, most of the "chosen 12" weren't all that interesting as people.

And they sure talked a lot! They chattered about this, that, and practically everything—but it was difficult to see what all the verbal "excitement" was about.

Maybe they were just trying to get their 15 *seconds* of "fame"? The ploy didn't work, however, because the result of all those people yakking away at the same time was—bedlam!

When we did catch what some of them were saying, we learned that, aside from commenting on everything they saw in their new domicile, they were introducing themselves and providing brief summaries of their lives thus far.

The women in the group tended to be more with-it, trendy and even extreme than the men, and some of them came up with "shocking" statements. However, even these "daring" declarations lacked originality.

Later in the telecast, the "brethren" were instructed by Big Brother (a disembodied voice) to catch some piglets and then take a bath at a water pump. That was supposed to be their first "interesting" task, but it was neither here nor there.

Let's hope that the participants will be given more compelling challenges in the days to come, otherwise, everybody, including the show's viewers, could expire from ennui.

After the bath at the pump, the participants were "caught" changing into dry clothing. Was this necessary? Was it an attempt to give the show some sizzle, or to encourage viewers' voyeuristic tendencies? We've caught other "in-house" reality shows abroad, and they don't go that far, so we shouldn't have to do it, either.

The show's first telecast wasn't a strong start for the weeknight production, but we trust that it'll get its act together in the coming days. Its participants should learn to relax and stop being so hyper. Their distinct personalities should also emerge more clearly.

And they should be given more interesting things to do, to make the show more truly eventful and revelatory of the vagaries of human nature.

"Big Brother" can also be viewed from another, more canted angle, derived more directly from its title and its reference to George Orwell's novel, "1984."

In the book's Orwellian world view, human society has become so disciplined and controlled that everyone does the bidding of a god-like *uber*-control freak also known as Big Brother.

It's an unseen but all-seeing presence, whose booming voice tells everybody what to do, and chastises the human cogs in its realm who fail to follow its orders.

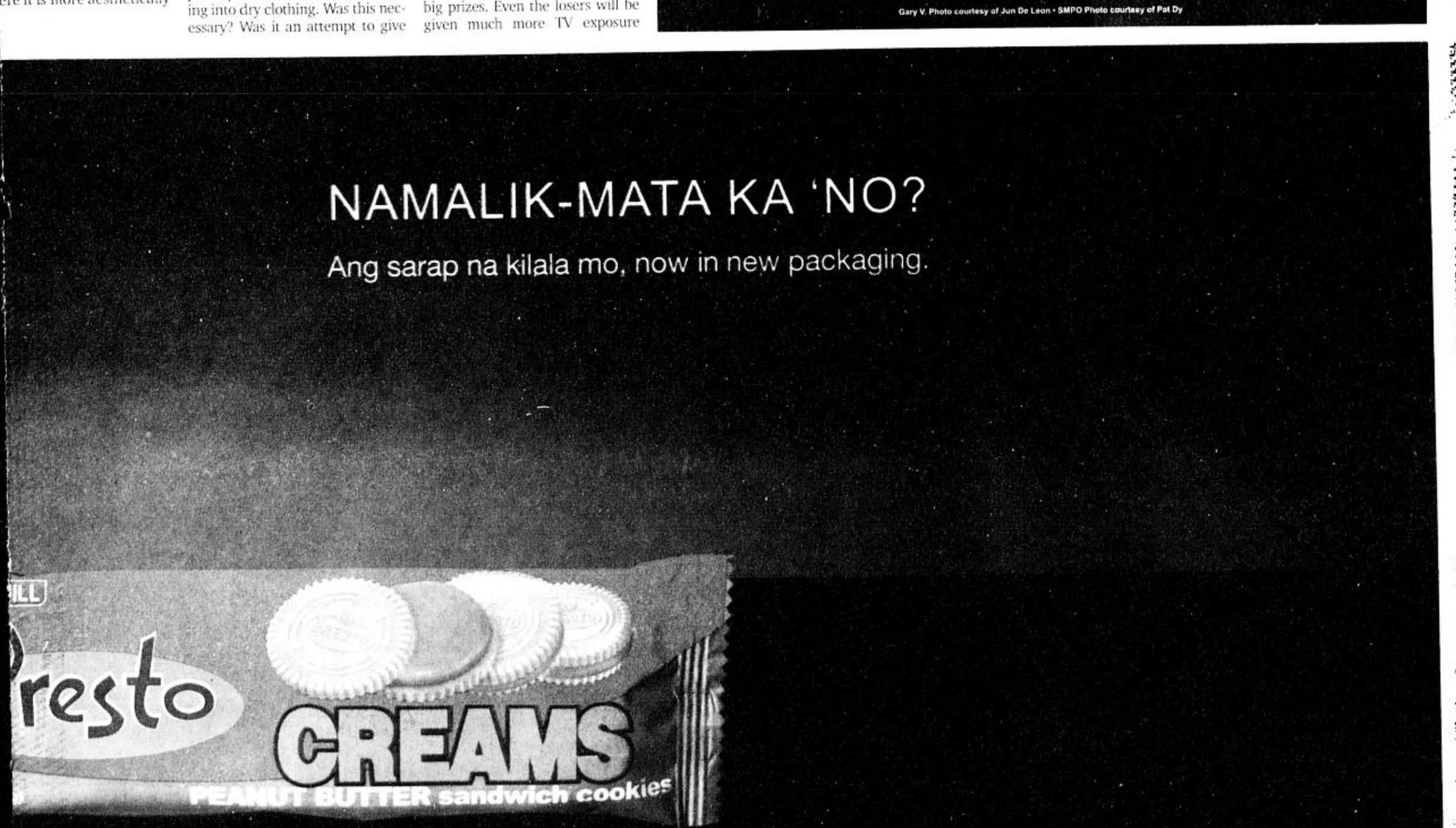
## Microcosm

It would be over-reading and over-reaching for us to declare that ABS-CBN's new reality show is a microcosm of that world view. But, we find it instructive that its 12 participants are also primed to do everything that the all-controlling voice in their house instructs them to accomplish, within the time limits it rigorously sets.

Also, they have agreed to give up their privacy for 100 days, and to allow the show's many cameras to capture them in all sorts of activities, for the information and entertainment of the viewing public. Hmm, that *is* a bit Orwellian, come to think of it…

The "chosen 12" have agreed to do all this for a chance to win some big prizes. Even the losers will be given much more TV exposure than they've ever enjoyed, so those among them who are interested in a career in entertainment will benefit from their 100-day stint on the show, as well.

But, is it worth it? That's a question that both participants and viewers will have to answer in the coming weeks.

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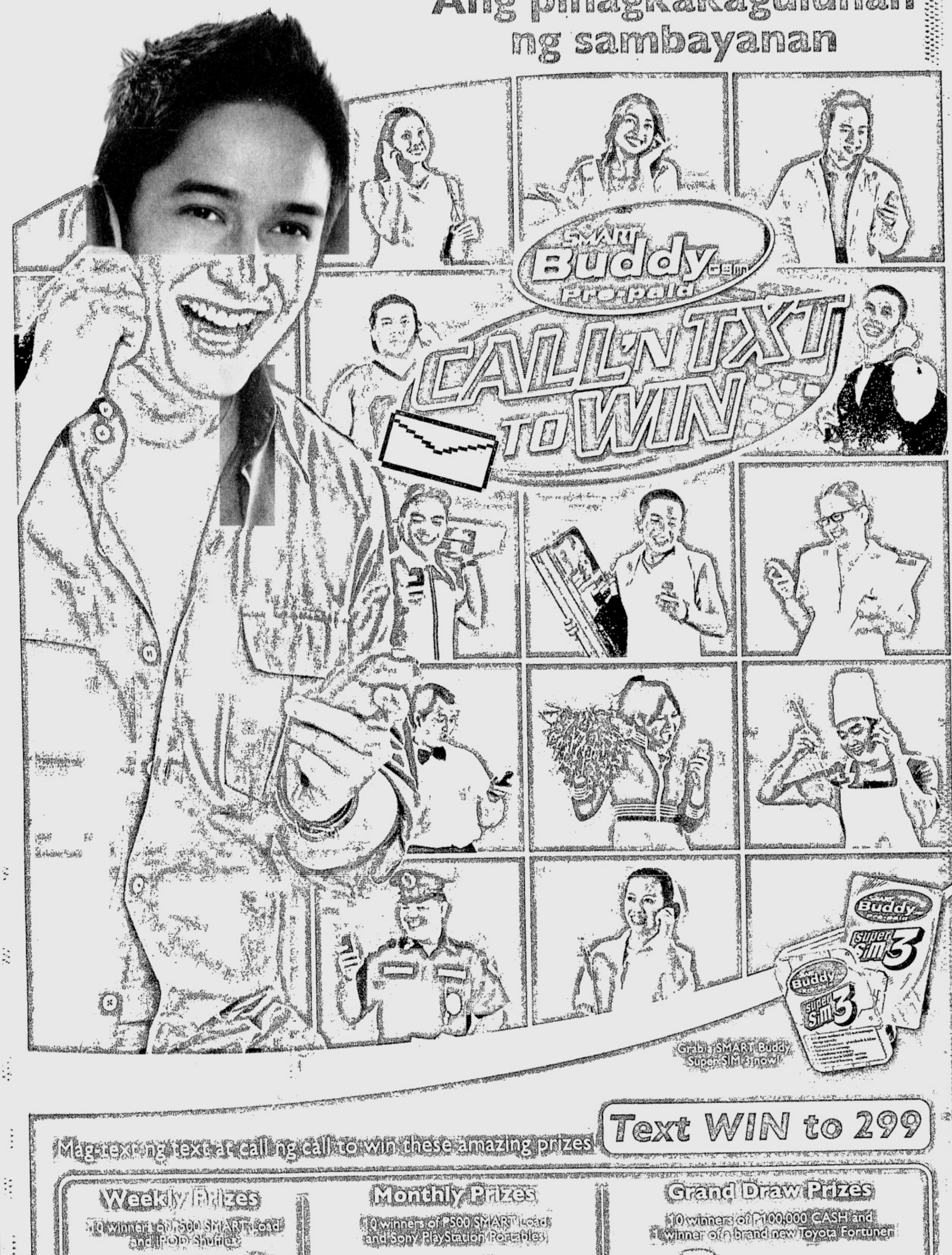


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# Andrew Cunanan the musical, a Pinay Yoko Ono on Broadway and Lea's Carnegie debut

LYNDA Carter is back

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*Ruben V. Nepales*

LOS ANGELES—LA Times reported that "Most Wanted," the musical-in-progress on the life of Andrew Cunanan, Gianni Versace's murderer, was one of the new plays work-shopped at Robert Redford's annual playwrights lab in Sundance last month.

Mike Boehm's story revealed that the show's creative team—Filipino-American novelist-playwright Jessica Hagedorn, director Michael Greif ("Rent") and composer Mark Bennett—got to watch actors fleshing out what they have been working on sporadically for the last three years. The trio joined other playwrights, directors and actors in Sundance Institute's three-week lab to help develop new plays.

Jessica was credited as the librettist and co-lyricist of "Most Wanted," whose theme, according to Boehm, is "the distorting effect of living in a post-Warholian America besotted with celebrity and lusting for sensation." Quite a mouthful—but it will be interesting to see how a sordid story like Cunanan's fares in musical theater form.

The prestigious La Jolla Playhouse in Orange County ("OC" for you, TV fans), California commissioned the play but the article disclosed that the Playhouse's artistic director, Des McAnuff, has the final say on whether we'll get to watch Jessica's first musical as a full-blown production.

JULIE Danao-Salkin

## Pinay in 'Lennon'

Still on musicals, Quezon City-born Julie Danao-Salkin gets to play Yoko Ono, no less, in the current Broadway show, "Lennon." In this musical tribute to the late singer-songwriter genius, Julie as Yoko gives birth to Sean Lennon. Variety wrote that "there was much hand-holding between the real Yoko and Sean" when the famous mother and son watched this scene at the show's opening last Aug. 14. "Lennon" was shepherded to reality by Yoko herself.

New York Daily News wrote that Julie "gets to deliver 'Beautiful Boy' at the right lullaby pitch." Julie has been quoted as saying about her audition before Yoko: "At first, I found Yoko Ono's presence both powerful and intimidating . . . but she soon proved to be a kind and helpful person."

## RJ Alexander directs Lea

Lea Salonga debuts at the Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium in New York on Nov. 7. Richard Jay-Alexander, who has directed three fabulous Bs—Barbra Streisand, Bette Midler and Bernadette Peters—is at the helm.

Lea plans on an "intimate" solo concert despite the venue's 2,804-seat capacity. Lea at the Carnegie? It should be a fab evening! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Diverse City Theater Company, the groundbreaking not-for-profit group headed by Lea's friend, Victor Lirio. Tickets are available at www.carnegiehall.org.

By the way, Will Chase, who was Lea's Chris in "Miss Saigon's" Broadway run, plays the title role in "Lennon."

In a recent Playbill interview, Will revealed a "naughty" side of Lea. Here's what Will said when asked about her: "She'll kill me for telling you this . . . we had this backstage backgammon tournament, and when someone was winning, he'd say, 'I'm f****** that ass.' Cut to Lea's last night. At curtain call, she says, 'You guys, thanks so much. This time around has been so great. The last time I was here, I was so young. And thanks for letting me f*** that ass.' Our jaws hit the ground."

Lea might come after me, too, for printing Will's quote but no, she actually told me, via e-mail: "I had [great fun] doing that run of 'Saigon.' And yeah, many asses were f****** [as in, I won many a backgammon game in the green room]."

## Variety hails 'Santita'

Congratulations to filmmaker Laurice Guillen and Unitel producer Tony Gloria. Their "Santa Santita" (a.k.a. "Magdalena, the Unholy Saint") was hailed by Variety as a "superior meller" (in Variety-speak, that's melodrama).

Russell Edwards raved: "Performances are solid, and former child actress (Angelica) Panganiban is impressive as a young woman who finds herself with a vocation she never asked for. Guillen's helming is slick and confident."

## 'La Visa Loca' in NY

Going back to Unitel, their New York exec, Vincent Nebrida, shared other happy news: "The comedy that nails the answer to the question—how far would we Filipinos go just to get a US visa?—rolled out in New York and LA theaters this weekend. 'La Visa Loca,' co-produced with Sharon Cuneta, opened Friday at New York City's ImaginAsian theater for a one-week exclusive engagement. Flying in for the premiere screening—which was a benefit for The Society of Film Archivists, founded in 1993 by the late film critic-scholar Hammy Sotto and now headed by acclaimed screenwriter Doy del Mundo, was Ricky Davao, who was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by FanClubX.com, a New York-based arts organization of Asian and Asian American actors and entertainers.

Also seen at the event were director Lav Diaz ('Batang Westside'), writers Marina Feleo Gonzalez ("Minsa'y Isang Gamu-Gamo"), Gil Quito ("Merika"), Bert Florentino ("The World Is An Apple"), production designer Fiel Zabat, actress Susan Valdez ("Itim"), fast-rising New York actor Frankie G. ("Italian Job," "Manito") and Paolo Montalban ("American Adobo"). Vincent also told me that Paolo is currently performing in Public Theater's production of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" in Central Park.

## Out of 'The Cave'

As Hollywood probably heaves a collective sigh that its not-so-boffo (B.O.-wise) summer is ending, it trots out the horror/suspense movie, "The Cave." There are probably some souls in Tinseltown who are hoping that a thriller with no big stars like "The Cave" would shake the industry out of its doldrums.

## 'Wonder Woman' comeback

And finally, Lynda Carter, "Wonder Woman" of adolescent dreams to many boys who grew up in the '70s, is enjoying a revival of sorts in her career. The actress who wore star-spangled blue shorts and a red bustier as a superheroine is in the movies "Sky High" and "Dukes of Hazzard."

"I still have my costume," said the 1972 Miss World USA. "The last time I took it out was for my children's kindergarten parent day show-and-tell," she added with a laugh. The ensemble, including the tiara, bracelets and the golden lasso are kept in Lynda's Washington, DC, mansion.

Still lovely at 54, Lynda doesn't get to wear a superhero costume (stars Kurt Russell and Kelly Preston do) in "Sky High" since she plays a principal . . . in stiletto heels.

As a Washington socialite, Lynda and her husband, Robert A. Altman, hosted fundraising din-

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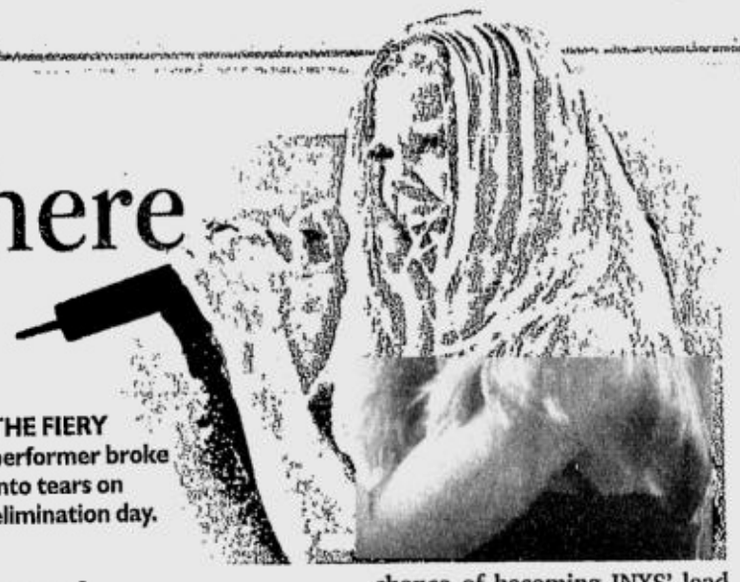

THE FIERY performer broke into tears on elimination day.

By Fran Katigbak

"I DON'T want to go home," said a tearful Deanna Johnston during the elimination episode of "Rock Star: INXS" this week.

The Canadian rocker, oldest female contender at 36, bade goodbye on Week 7 of the reality show aimed at finding a front man for Aussie band INXS.

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Deanna was a sports-minded graphic design major when she heeded her musical calling—thanks to the drummer boyfriend who would soon cheat on her with a singer.

That was 14 years ago. She has since performed all over Canada and the United States.

"Rock Star" airs Wednesday and Thursday mornings on Star World.

Here are excerpts of Deanna's exclusive interview with INQUIRER Entertainment.

**What was it like to collaborate with Ty Taylor on a song...that you actually performed on the show?**

Awesome. We have similar approaches, vocally and in style. We also come from the same place, emotionally.

**Do you see a creative partnership in the future?**

I would absolutely love to work with Ty again. We actually live near each other. After this is all over, we could get together and do more songwriting.

**You were initially apprehensive about composing and performing an original song. Why?**

I was scared. We only had 12 hours to come up with a song from scratch and then rehearse it with the band for the live performance while millions watched.

**Do you think you'll get any offers now—if not as a performer, then as a songwriter?**

I just need to have a day-off from all this, get reacquainted with my family. Then I'll be back in the studio, tapping into all the leads and opportunities that are presenting themselves.

**You were 22 when you discovered your talent. How did it happen?**

That's what the [original] song, "My Truth," is about. I was dating the drummer in a band. He betrayed me with the singer. I thought if I learned how to sing maybe he would still want to be with me.

**Was "My Truth" the first you've written about that betrayal?**

No. I recorded an album in 1996 called "Mary Magdalene," which had a lot of songs regarding that as well.

**What other subjects have you written about?**

I've written about everything, anything that I can relate to on some level.

**Who do you think among the remaining contenders has the best chance of becoming INXS' lead singer?**

All of them—we were not given a lot of information about what the band really wants. Everybody is different, talented, with good looks and personality. I [even] thought it was going to be me.

**What are the chances that you'll do graphic designing again?**

Nil. Zero chance.

**Let's assume you received an offer to record your own album. Who would you pick as your musicians?**

Can I resurrect them from the dead? I'd pick (British band Led Zeppelin's) John Bonham on drums.

I'd actually love to record an album with Lenny Kravitz who has a funk, rock-groove approach.

# Perla's pass

This actress' journey through show biz has been a roller-coaster ride

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Rudy Esperas
ADDITIONAL PHOTOS COURTESY OF PERLA BAUTISTA

IN ALL her 65 years, it was the first time for award-winning actress Perla Bautista to apply for a US visa.

She wanted to meet up with fellow Torres High School Class '55 alumni in Las Vegas. They are preparing for their golden anniversary reunion in the Philippines this December.

The US Consul asked for proof of her acting career.

"I showed him a souvenir program of the 2000 Star Awards for Movies," Perla recalls. "I was given the Ulirang Artista Award that year. Of course, I had to explain what 'uliran' meant."

And of course she got her visa in a minute.

The feisty spirit that had marked her youth had not waned.

One of eight children of Batangueños transplanted in Tondo, Manila, Perla was raised by a "tough but tender" dad "as one of the boys."

She says, proudly: "We were not rich. We all had to help in my father's *talyer* (garage)."

Her father also trained her in combat judo and shooting.

A self-confessed fan of Anita Linda, Delia Razon, Nida Blanca and company, Perla Bautista was eager to join her idols on the silver screen.

TROPICANA portrait

## Lucky breaks

As luck would have it, her sister-in-law's uncle, Tony Dantes, worked as assistant director in LVN. She didn't have to be asked twice when, at 17, she was offered a bit part in "Ang Tatay Kong Kalbo," starring the legendary Pugo. As debut roles go, it wasn't much. "I played one of the many fans who were asking for Pugo's autograph."

Came a quick succession of small parts, culminating in "Venganza," by Manuel Conde. "I died before the opening credits."

Her first lead role, in "Kilabot sa Barilan," she bagged by sheer good fortune as well. "The original choice, Carmencita Abad, had an appendectomy. Tagalog Ilang-Ilang hired me as replacement. My first partner was Zaldy Zshornack." But TIIP soon signed her up as a contract star.

On the TIIP lot, her screen partnership with then-neophyte action star Joseph Estrada was born.

"We did lots of movies as a tandem," she says. "Some for his own company, Emar, Like 'Dodong Tricycle' and 'Tigreng Tagabukid.'"

As suggested by that last one, Joseph regarded his leading lady as a wild tiger. "We were always fighting, like cats and dogs. On the first shooting day, he told me that he really wanted Rita Gomez for the role!"

Even so, Joseph and Perla won Famas Best Actor and Best Actress for

# And now, LA's Ray Charles post office

LOS ANGELES —The warm voice of Ray Charles filled the neighborhood near his recording studio during a ceremony christening a post office in his name.

As "America the Beautiful" played, family, friends and associates watched Wednesday as the new Ray Charles Station post office sign was unveiled.

"My hopes are that the naming of this post office facility is only the first of many tributes for a man who started from nowhere to end up a national treasure and global phenomenon," said Congresswoman Diane Watson of California, who sponsored the federal bill to rename the post office.

President George W. Bush signed the bill into law last month.

Charles died in June 2004 of acute liver disease at age 73. *AP*

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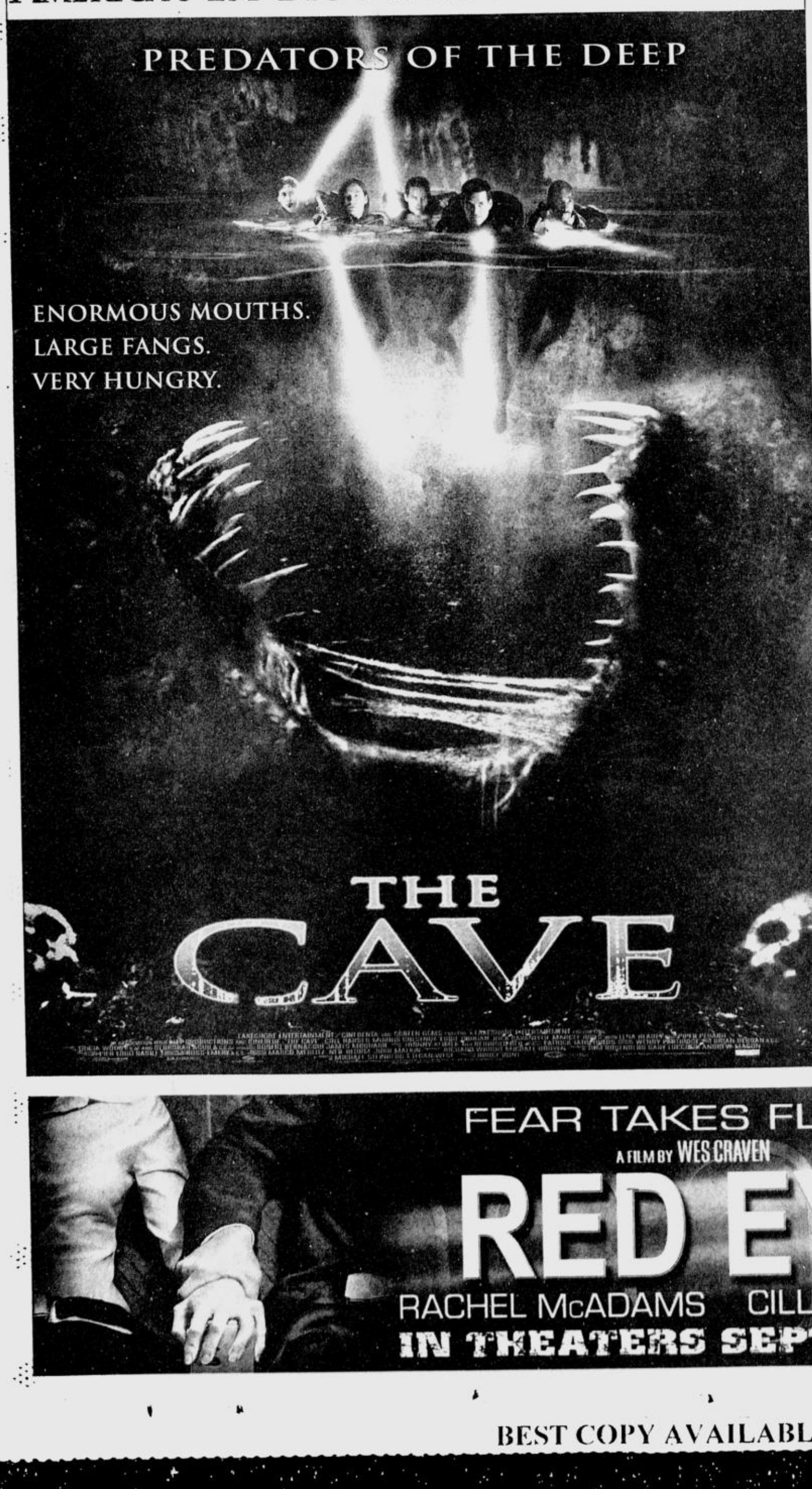


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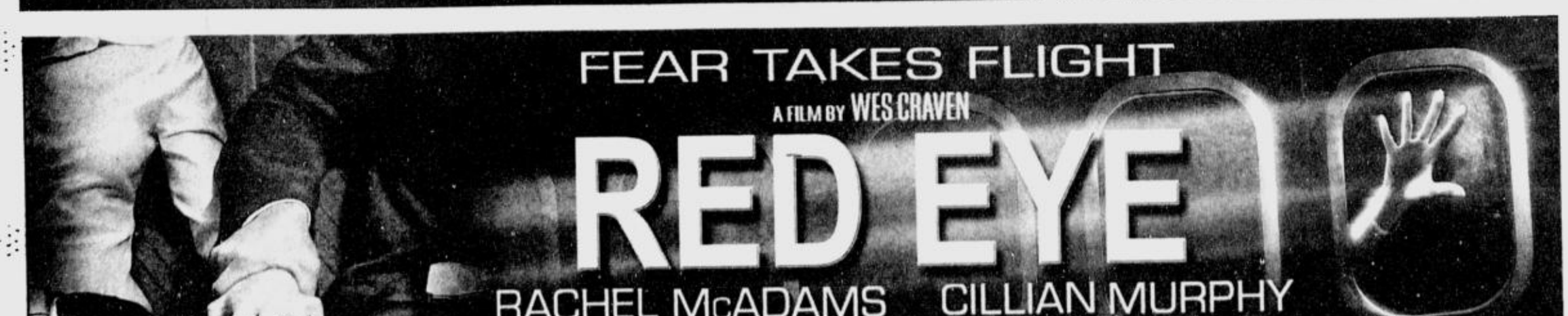


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WITH son Jude del Rosario

now married to businessman Benny Fulgencio.

But even in the former Crown Colony, show biz hounded her. "A fortuneteller predicted that I would make a movie with a big production company."

She was incredulous. "I had worked with all the major Philippine studios then—LVN, Sampaguita, Tagalog Ilang-Ilang, Lea—I was so surprised when I got an offer from Run Run Shaw's company, the biggest in Asia."

In "The Golden Buddha," she was reunited with Zshornack and directed by Lo Wei, who made Bruce Lee's blockbusters. "It was a wonderful experience," Perla says of her stint with Shaw. "We were pampered. One day, I was cleaning our flat when my landlady knocked on the door to say that [Shaw's] Rolls Royce was waiting downstairs to take me to a contract signing. I took that luxury car in my duster; I felt like Cinderella!"

### Mothers, schizos

When she returned to the Philippines and resumed her acting career, she played mother to a range of stars, from Divina Valencia to Sharon Cuneta. "I started doing that when I was only 26," she cracks. "It was better than going bold, the trend then!"

She says her most poignant "maternal role" was with Jay Ilagan as her son in the anti-US Bases film "Minsa'y Isang Gamu-gamo" in 1976. "Our scenes wouldn't have been as effective with another actor," she says.

She also started doing schizophrenics. "In 1975, I played two such roles back-to-back," she chortles, "two different kinds. In 'Kung Bakit May Ulap ang Mukha ng Buwan,' I was a dirty, homeless madwoman. In 'Lord Give Me a Lover,' I was the neat, housebound kind."

Thus far, after 48 years in the movies, she has won one Best Actress, one Lifetime Achievement and four Best Supporting Actress honors.

### YESTERDAY

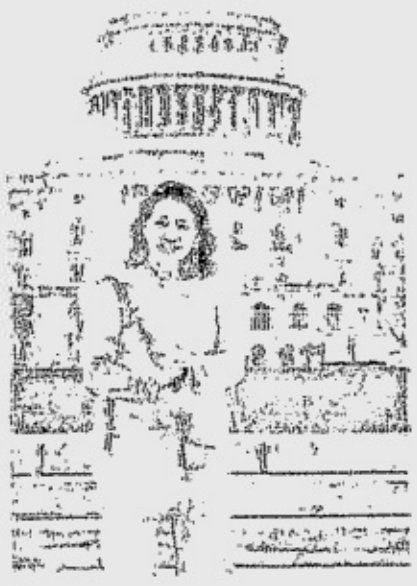
WITH Jay Ilagan in "Minsa'y Isang Gamu-gamo"

"Markang Rehas" in 1962.

"I deserved that award," she now says. "I played a girl who was head-over-heels in love with him; in reality, I couldn't stand him!"

The tumultuous partnership spawned a string of hits, though. At one point, Perla swore never to work with Joseph again. (She relented and reunited with him in "Kumander Alibasbas" in 1981.)

In 1964, she flew to Hong Kong to raise a family. The father of her son, Jude del Rosario, has died and she is



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# New echoes of New Wave

**By Ophellia San Juan**
*Contributor*

IT SEEMS that RP movies are really on the road to a new renaissance.

Ever since "Crying Ladies" demonstrated what digital filmmaking can achieve, a whole new crop of creative artists have come out with experimental cinema that has been tagged independent filmmaking. Liberated from the major movie companies' primary constraint of recouping heavy investment, the "indies" can give free rein to artistic expression.

"Sandalang Bahay," a collaborative effort of director Mark Gary and Ballet Philippines head Denisa Reyes, is typical of this freedom. Adapted from New York-based Ralph Peña's play, "Leaning House," it focuses on the deterioration of a marriage mirrored by the couple's decaying island house.

Cesar (Albert Martinez) has drifted away from his wife, Elena (Adriana Agcaoili), who is still young and desirable. Neither of them tells why they are estranged. The audience is left to grapple with the nagging question by watching the nuances of the duo's acting—every line uttered, each twitch of the brow or the lips.

Elena sends food up to Cesar's study room when he can't—or won't—tear himself away from his collection of insects. But he does not eat the food, nor is romance stirred by her presence.

A malingering discontent is evident in everything she does. She smokes incessantly. Her bright red lipstick seems less of a badge for fashionableness in a remote island than false bravado for lips that would be kissed nevermore.

### Tragic catharsis

The catharsis is as tragic as it is commonplace. Elena chances upon Cesar and the girls with a playmate, a boy who, in her vision now, is the object of Cesar's homosexual affections. She leaves with her three daughters, vowing never to come back.

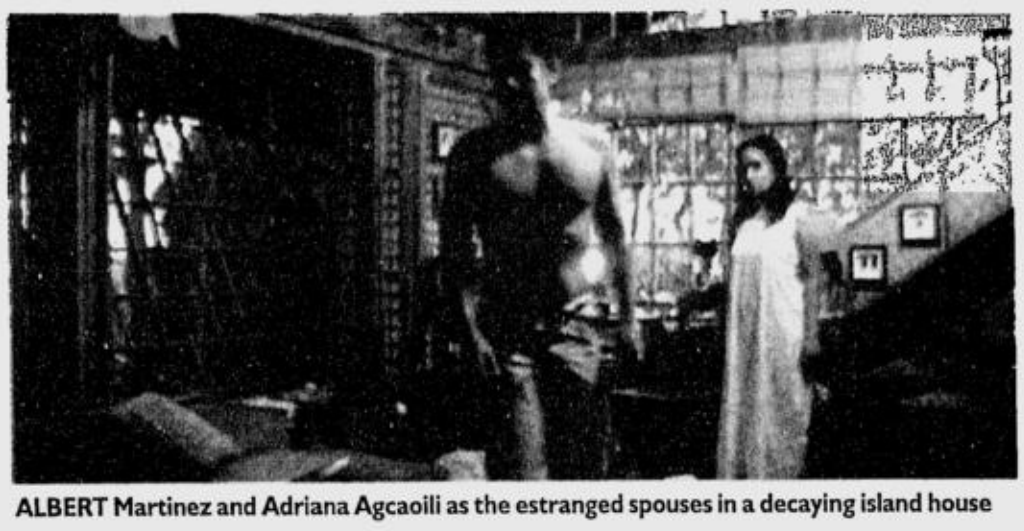
The girls, all named after species of insects, grow up to be strong women. Elena herself remains stoic after Cesar died following his family's departure.

Youngest daughter Hippodamia (Gilleth Sandico) is a single mother in the United States. Childless Aeshna (Madeleine Nicolas) seeks refuge in religiosity, and Lampyris (Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino) pretends to be reconciled to material contentment.

In story treatment and character portrayals that mimic real life without the cinematic underscorings, "Sandalang Bahay" is evocative of the New Wave films that started in Europe and inspired some American directors in the late 1960s up to the '80s.

Some of the best New Wave directors like Ingmar Bergman, Federico Fellini and Alain Resnais became worldwide sensations.

Let us hope some of our better indie films will find their way to the big markets.



ALBERT Martinez and Adriana Agcaoili as the estranged spouses in a decaying island house

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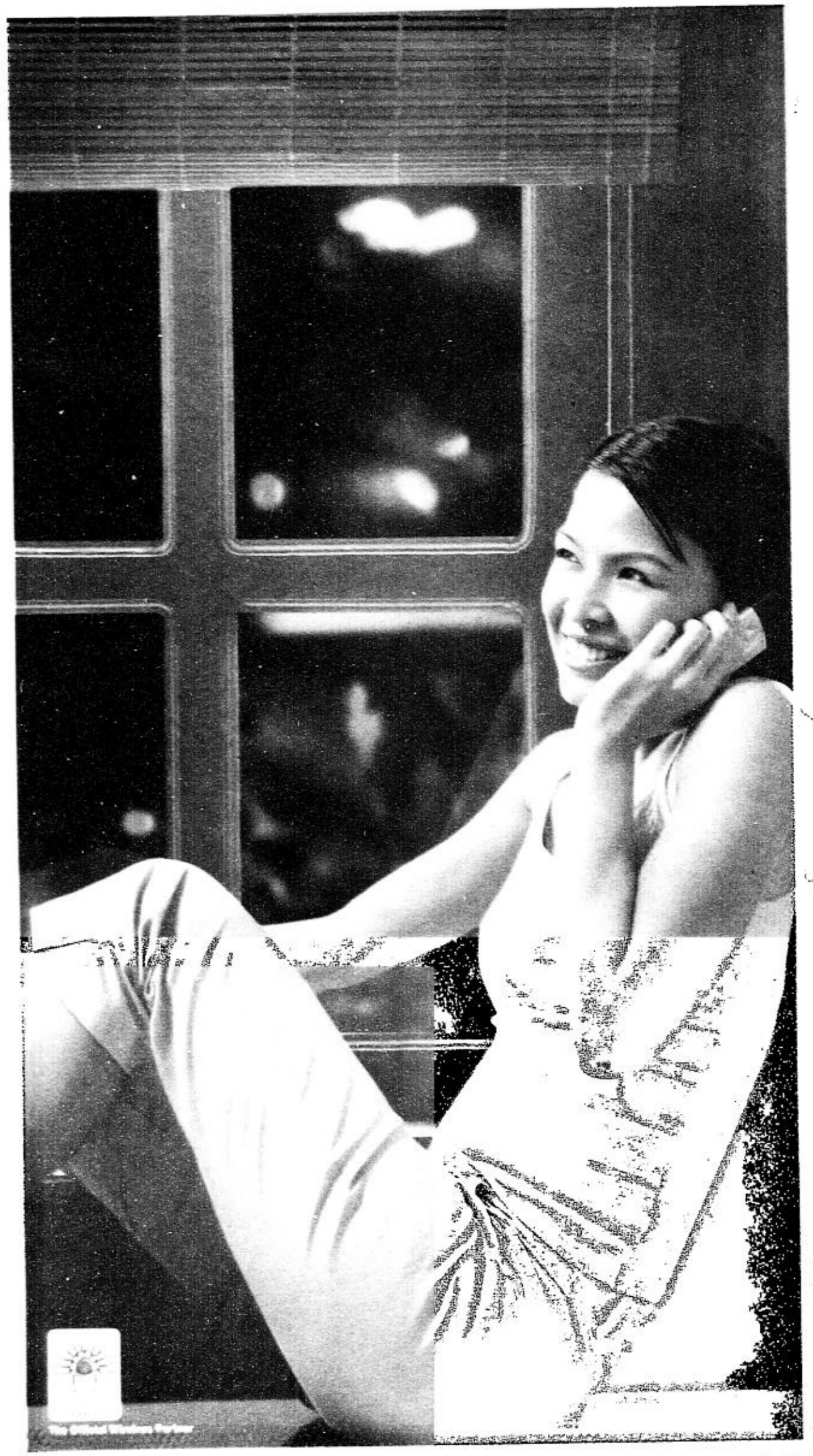

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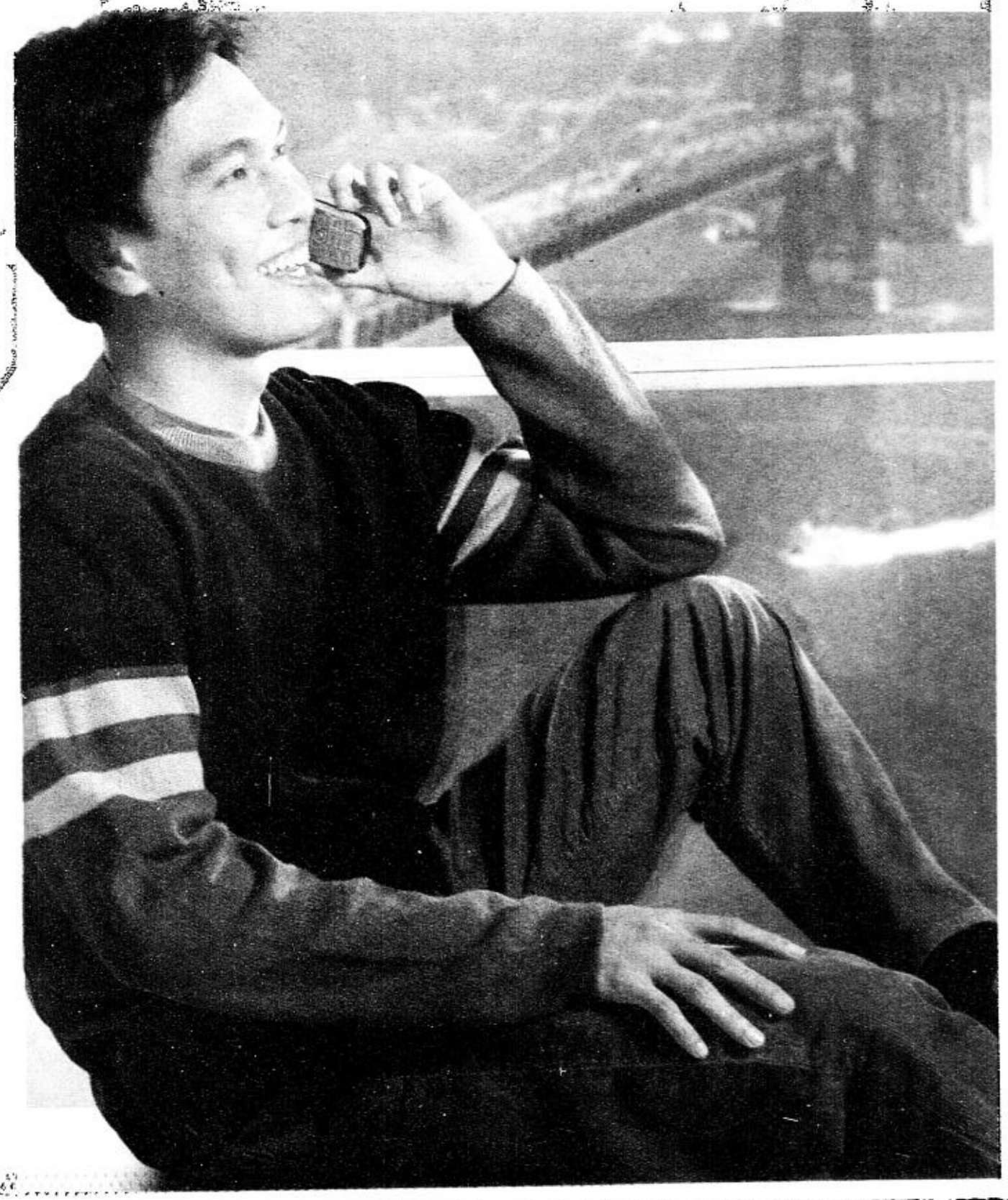

ANG GALING PILIPINO:

# MAKABAYAN AT MAKABAYANI

# Are you a hero?

## *Rekindling a sense of nationalism among Filipinos*

NATIONAL Heroes Day may have just become a historical footnote to many Filipinos. To one private sector initiated movement promoting Pilipino greatness and excellence, the day is an important reminder of the Pinoy's deep sense of nationalism and heroism.

The Galing Pilipino Movement, a 3-year-old movement that has been spreading across towns and cities and even abroad, aims to awaken the spirit of pride and dignity in being a Pilipino in each one of us, according to Erly de Guzman, the corporate crusader behind the movement.

"Makabayan is an inherent Pilipino character that places interest of country above self for the common good. Makabayani is a unique Pilipino trait of going that extra mile in doing a good deed in order to serve others without expecting material gains. Thus, one cannot be a *makabayan* without being a *makabayani* and vice versa." adds de Guzman.

"Ang Galing Pilipino: Makabayan at Makabayani" is the rally point of a series of GPM activities for the week that culminates today with the launching of GPM's "Panatang Makabayan" television and cinema ad and a concert at RiverBanks Mall titled "YugYog Tugtog Pinoy Concert."

Last Aug. 24, GPM, with Katipunang Dakilahi, an advocacy group focused on interpreting the nation's history through a nationalist point of view, went to Tandang Sora Shrine in Quezon City to celebrate the 109th anniversary of the birth of our nation.

According to Katipunang Dakilahi, the real birth of the Philippine republic was on Aug. 24, 1896, when Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros formed a system of government with a full cabinet. "They represented our bold declaration of sovereignty against Spanish rule."

De Guzman held a talk on heroic nationalism of the Pilipinos in Bataan at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines Bataan campus on August 25 spreading the movement in this province. Together with some 5,000 students and officials from PUP, the DENR, the City of Manila government, GPM also spearheaded the Manila Bay clean up on August 26.

GPM's Panatang Makabayan Cinema and TV ad, which will be launched today, features I-Gilas awardees, ordinary Pilipino men and women who executed virtues or exemplified excellence in their field of work and even everyday lives. I-Gilas, which literally means "Ilabas ang Gilas" is GPM's mass-based on-the-spot recognition program that honors the country's everyday heroes.

GPM's I-Gilas Awardees include SPO2 Corpuz, Diane Reyes, Andry Lim, Manny Pacquiao, Lucy Castillo and Augustine Marave, among others.

GPM was introduced to the public on June 12, 2002 with some 70 enlisted members. Today, at three years old, has so far more than 2,500 members, composed of corporations and individuals, mostly youths. The movement has spread from Metro Manila to key areas and cities in the country and has started to take root abroad as well. It aims to instill among the Pilipinos,here and abroad, a commendable sense of national pride anchored on "Galing" (excellence) being both a noun and the adjective that will become the brand mark of being Pilipino.

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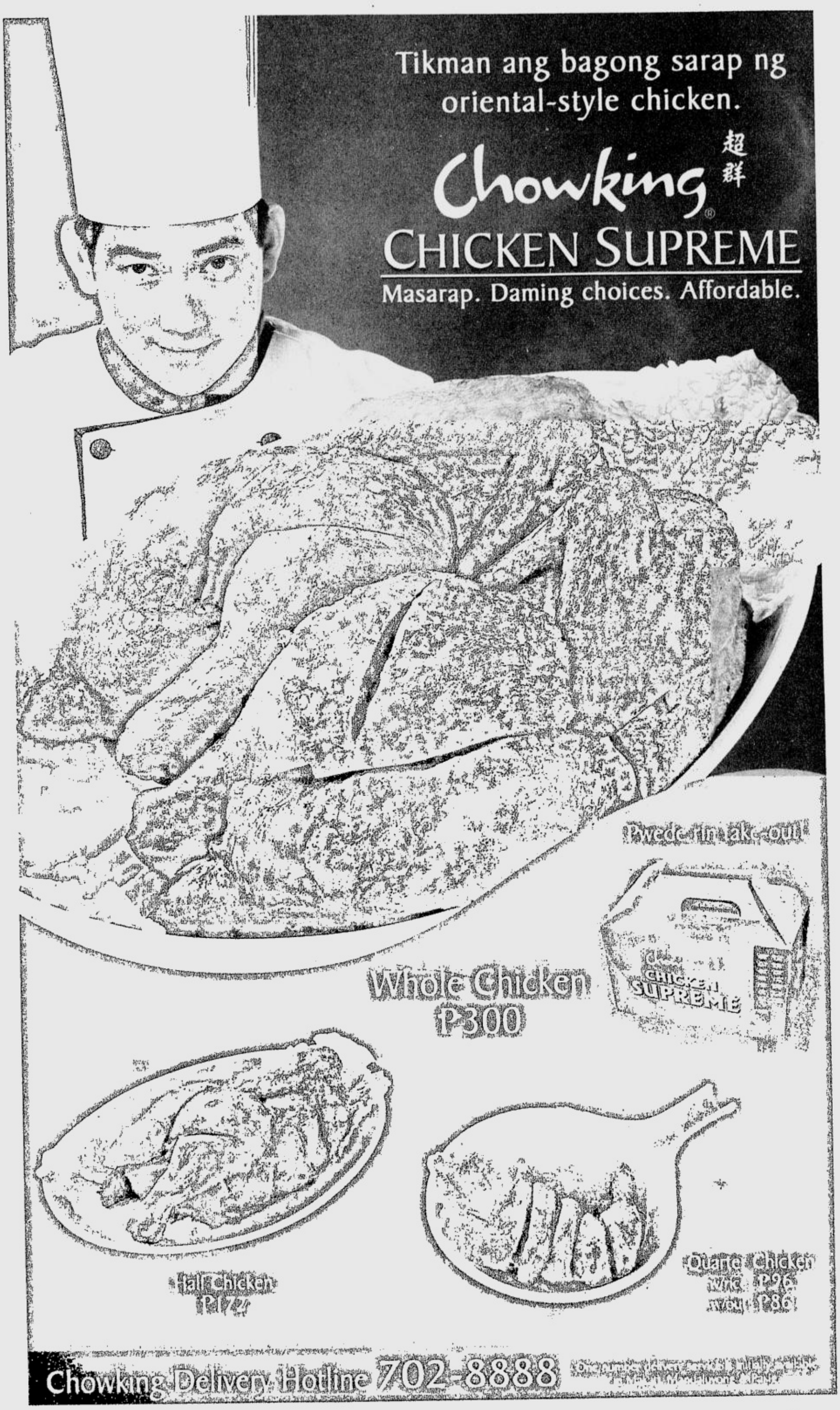

# ANG GALING PILIPINO: MAKABAYAN AT

## Makabayan at Makabayani

By Erly B. De Guzman

What does it mean to be a hero?

My friend Ed Aurelio Reyes, advocate for a correct understanding of our history through his group Kampanya para sa Kamalayan sa Kasaysayan, made an interesting remark on the meaning of heroism for the Pilipino. He came up with this insight about the difference in the way we translate the concept "bayani" and the way the West describes a "hero." And he found out that Western idea of "hero" does not accurately capture the meaning of our concept of "bayani."

**In the West, the hero concept denotes a person admired for his/her achievements and qualities. It also depicts mythical or legendary characters with superpowers or extraordinary abilities or strengths. We know it as the "bida" concept. Superman. Batman. Darna. Sugo.**

Whereas, the concept "bayani" denotes someone who serves, without expecting anything in return. It is rooted in the word "bayan", denoting selfless service directed towards the community or country. Someone who is a "lingkod sa pamayanan." And thus, the term "bayanihan" refers to the work of several servants of the community – "gawa ng mga bayani." Looking back at our historical heritage, we therefore get to learn that the Philippines is indeed a nation of heroes. Maraming bayani sa pamayanan, bayaning hindi kilala or bida. Kundi may gawang pagkukusa na walang hinihintay na kapalit.

A survey done by GPM among its members about the meaning of heroism and the significance of today's event supports the above assertions. For them, a hero must possess the following characteristics – integrity, God-centeredness, compassion with others. But the most important value a hero must have is his being "makabayan" – a deep sense of selflessness and love for country.

Reyes also noted that the term "bayani" had been present in the Katipunan vocabulary, under the presidency of Andres Bonifacio. The term referred to the highest rank in the revolutionary organization, the other two levels being "katipon" and "kawal." One became a "bayani" after being elected to any of the Katipunan's leadership councils. A position of dignity and respect that is earned. And definitely not a title which is received only after death.

The above therefore debunks the notion that you have to die first to be considered a "bayani." Ninoy Aquino once said, "The Filipino is worth dying for." We agree 100% with such a powerful statement from a dignified statesman. But the greater challenge we must see manifest in our lives is to say that "the Filipino is worth living for" – to make that choice everyday, to do what is right, to focus on solutions instead of problems, to find the good and excellent in others, amidst the negativism and seeming hopelessness. It makes heroism a daily choice.

In a time when there seems to be a poverty of vision in our country, we can retrace our roots and be reminded about our rich heroic heritage. There we will find that we are a nation with an innate love of country, able to give up on personal interest for the common good and make sacrifices for a brother .for aren't these things make us the cradle of noble heroes?

**Anyone can be a hero. By doing ordinary things in an extraordinary, "GALING" way – you and me, we can be the heroes our country needs.**
**Makabayan at Makabayani, GALING PILIPINO!**

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## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*What they say about GPM:*

"... I've been longing to ask for possibilities for GPM to be also present here in the U.S.A. I really miss being part of GPM, I know it's been a short time for me, but the experience that I had left a mark in my life that, as a PINOY, I should take pride in my race and my country -- and it can only happen through my works and life story. "
- *Niegel Leoncio,* multimedia artist, MSGS Productions, Irvine, California who leads a youth group of 1,300+ members called "Pinoys in California"

"I commend GPM for instituting a movement aimed at strengthening the Filipino. It is time that we bring back confidence in ourselves and recognize our own strengths as individuals ..."
*Glen Macadaeg,* Core Leader, Don Bosco Pugad Volunteers

"I would like to show my support for this very worthwhile activity. You warm our hearts and provide comfort and hope that someone truly cares about this country and is doing something about it. It increases our resolve as parents to continue to strive and guide our children to aspire, do something similar, and contribute to our beloved country."
*Virgilio B. Arevalo,* Meralco, on "GPM's Pamaskong Galing Pilipino Light-a-Tree for Unity 2004 fund drive

"I support the Galing Pilipino Movement because I believe in the potential of the Filipino. More importantly, I believe that if we work together we can help create a better Philippines for all generations to come." *Johnip Cua,* President, Procter & Gamble

"After listening to DZRH (through the internet) where GPM was featured, I got interested in joining GPM. I have also visited its website and have gotten more interested. I hope I can join the organization from here." *Lala Curbi,* Kronetorpsgatan 74B, 212 27 Malmo Sweden

"I am energized every time I attend the Galing Pilipino Kapihan! Each topic in every session triggers that inner pride in me for being Pilipino. *Romy Punzalan,* member since 2002 and regular GP Kapihan attendee

## ILABAS ANG GILAS!

The Galing Pilipino Movement is powered by a corps of active and dedicated volunteers called I-Gilas who keep an eye out for Pilipinos who show 'gilas' or 'galing.' The term I-Gilas literally means 'ilabas ang gilas' and inspired by the Philippine Eagle whose visual acuity and far-reaching vision symbolize strength and tenacity. Every I-Gilas volunteer is commissioned to 'spot' and award Pilipinos doing ordinary things in an extraordinary manner through a serial-numbered Galing Pilipino citation and award sticker. Here are some Galing Pilipinos spotted by our soaring eagles!

**SPO2 Charlito Corpuz**
Muslim policeman, Mandaluyong Police
I-Gilas Citation No. 3688

SPO2 Corpuz risked his life to defend bus passengers from three gunmen in EDSA. He was in a bus on his way to work when 3 armed holduppers started robbing passengers of their money and valuables. Outnumbered, Corpuz properly sized up the situation, and shot it out with the gunmen hitting all three without hurting any passengers. During the fight, he was wounded in the right arm. Yet he switched his pistol to his left arm and defeated the gunmen. This feat earned him the Medalya ng Kagitingan and the PNP Wounded Personnel Medal.

**Dianne Marie Reyes**
International Scholar
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According to her "Intelligence is common, but the key to success is intelligence plus character. My experience at UWCAd made me proud of my roots, of my culture. It made me value the morals I have been taught at home. It has broadened my points of view and made me a better person. It encouraged me to achieve more."

Dianne Reyes is the Philippine representative to the United World College of the Adriatic (UWCAd), Trieste, Italy, 2003-2005, the only Filipino in her class of 200+ scholars from 83 countries. She gave the valedictory address to an international audience during her graduation last May 2005, which was interrupted several times by applauses and ended with a standing ovation from the audience. She earned a scholarship worth P9.2M for a 4-year course in Economics & International Relations at the Wellesley College, alma mater of Hilary Clinton and Margaret Allbright.

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**"Pagpupugay sa ika-109 na Taong Kaarawan ng Pagsilang ng Bansa"**

10AM to 11AM
Tandang Sora Shrine, Banlat, Quezon City

GPM joined the Katipunang Dakilahi to commemorate the significance of this day that marks the 109th anniversary of the birth of our nation. We learned how our Katipuneros declared a nation state and formed a system of government headed by Andres Bonifacio as President with a full cabinet. This represented our bold declaration of sovereignty against Spanish rule.

**Galing Pilipino Forum on "Heroic Nationalism"**

9AM to 11AM
Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Bataan Campus

GPM President Erly de Guzman held a talk at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Bataan Campus to help spread the Galing Pilipino mission in this historic province. Bataan played a critical role in the making of our nation as the seed bed of heroic nationalism.

**"Manila Bay Clean-Up"**

5:00AM assembly at Quirino Grandstand
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Galing Pilipino Movement together with PUP, Manila City Government and DENR, joined hands in cleaning up the Manila Bay along the Baywalk area as the youth's symbolic statement for all sectors of society to "clean up our acts", throw away politicking and help propel our nation to progress.

**Galing Pilipino Kapihan - "Galing Magiting: Galing Pilipinos in Uniform"**

8:00am to 11:00am Chowking Pioneer, Pioneer cor United Streets, Mandaluyong City

GP Kapihan is a monthly breakfast forum that features good news and innovative and uncommon solution to common problems as a counterpoint to pervading negativism and bad news syndrome. For the National Heroes Day edition of the GP Kapihan, GPM honored the heroes among our men in uniform - military and policemen who risk lives in the name of service to the country.

**AM**
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**DZRH 666 Khz, 10am to 11am**

Tune in to GPM's one-hour radio special on heroes' day and learn the lessons of the historic events of that led to the establishment of our first republic. Get to hear a fresh take on history through a drama presentation and interactive discussion of expert panelists on the significance of August 1896 events.

**PM**
**YugYog TugTog Pinoy Concert**

**6PM-9PM Riverbanks Mall Stage Marikina City**

Witness the innate talents of the Pinoys to showcase "cultural heroism" – portraying the noble character of the Pilipino through the arts. UP Prof. Edru Abraham and the Kontemporaryong Gamelan Pilipino (Kontra-Gapi) plus the Marikina Dance Troup create a fusion of indigenous and modern music and dance in YugYog TugTog Pinoy Concert.

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Catch YugYog TugTog Pinoy Concert featuring U.P. arts professor Edru Abraham and the Kontra-Gapi tonight August 28, 6PM at the Riverbanks Mall, Marikina City for a taste of this unique song-dance form!

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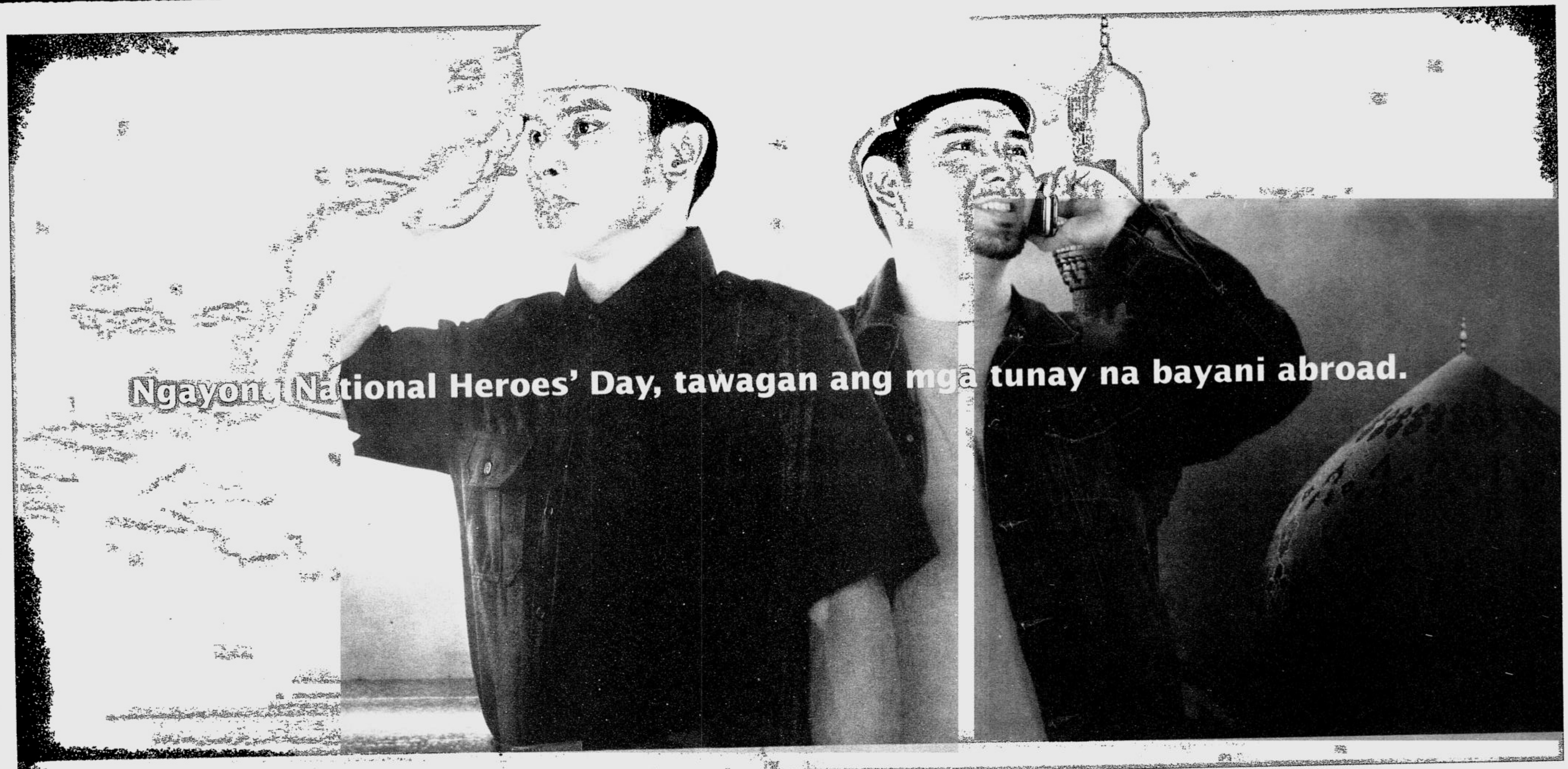


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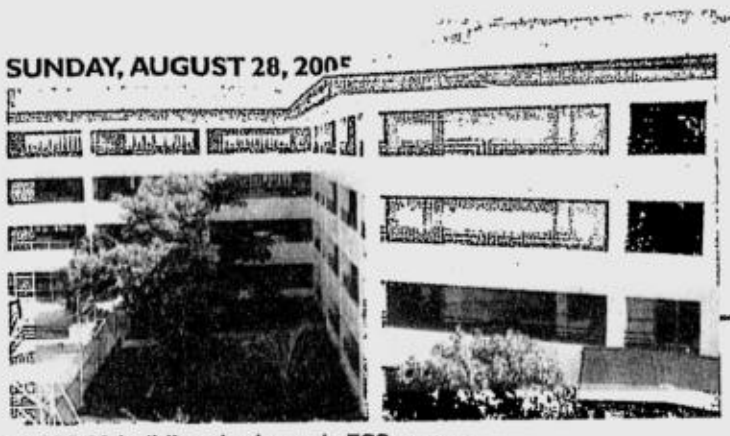

SCHOOL buildings in the main ESS campus

# She found her calling and what a difference she has made

SUAREZ

By Corrie Salientes-Narisma

FOR SOMEONE who did not even know what course to take in college, Josefina Victorio-Suarez did not do bad at all.

Suarez, a mother of four, put up the Elizabeth Seton School, which just turned 30. The school now has two campuses—Cavite and Las Piñas. The Las Piñas campus sits on 3.5 hectares and has 3,000 students.

The Imus campus is now 8 years old and has 1,500 students.

ESS has come a long way since it started in 1975 in a two-story residential-cum-school building in Cavite with 34 students (23 kindergarten and 11 nursery students) and with Suarez as its one-woman staff. The original structure served both as Suarez' residence and her school. The school now offers preschool, elementary and high school education.

After three decades and the numerous challenges she has been through, Suarez remembers the events in her life like they happened yesterday.

"Clueless on where to enroll and what degree to pursue, I just tagged along with a cousin and went with the flow. When my cousin signed up for a course in education at the National Teachers College, I did too," she says.

Admitting she was a not so diligent student in high school, even flunking a year, she was surprised she enjoyed her subjects in college and even became an outstanding student. She discovered her aptitude for teaching.

At 18, Josefina Victorio graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Two days after graduation, she was taken in as a teacher by the Notre Dame of Manila, an all-boys school. There she met American priest William MacGrath, the school director, who became one of her mentors.

It was Fr. MacGrath who first saw her potentials as an educator,

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# She found her calling ...

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helped her recognize her calling and fired up her passion for teaching. There were a few times she almost gave up, including an instance when she walked out of an unruly grade 6 class weeping, but Fr. MacGrath was there to bring her back to her senses and open her eyes to her role as an educator.

It was that experience that made her an affectionate but firm and dedicated teacher.

Her interaction with the students of Notre Dame and, perhaps, her own schooling experience made Suarez realize that the students needed not only the basics of academic learning but a host of other things that would prepare them for bigger challenges in life. She introduced innovations in her teaching methods to make her students realize that learning was fun.

The students came to like her style, inspiring the young teacher to continue innovating.

After six years at Nortre Dame of Manila and the many changes that occurred after Fr. MacGrath left for his next assignment in the United States, she decided to leave that school and was immediately accepted at the De La Salle University's grade school department in 1972.

## Born to teach

There she met another mentor—then grade school principal Josefina Alburo—who nurtured her and helped her charter her career path. After five years in La Salle, she became the grade school's English department head. It was upon Dr. Alburo's recommendation that she was sent on a full scholarship to the East-West Center, University of Hawaii to specialize in bilingual education and instructional materials production in 1974-1975. When she returned, she developed and produced 71 of her preschool and grade school textbooks. It was also during that time that Josefina Victorio married Edgardo Suarez, a businessman from Norzagaray, Bulacan.

As she went deeper into teaching, her calling grew louder. She knew she was born to make a difference in the field of education. Faced with the prospects of having her own children, Suarez pondered on the quality of education she wanted her own children to have, particularly in view of the rapid changes that were occurring at that time, and that would be the kind of education she would share with her students.

Martial Law, declared in 1972, altered the face of Philippine politics. The influence of television on the populace, particularly children, was growing stronger. It became imperative for educators to give stronger emphasis on the students' values. She decided teaching methods should address the possible impact of all those changes on the children and that further teaching innovations should be made anchored on the basic needs of the children for interaction, stimulation, affection, security, learning exposure and discovery.

Despite her noble intentions, however, being part of a big institution with its own structure and systems constrained Suarez from implementing her ideas. "There was not much opportunity to create programs and materials that I thought the children needed," she adds.

That and the prospect of her being transferred to the then start-up campus of De La Salle in Alabang made her decide to leave. Upon the prodding of her sister Evelyn and brother-in-law Francisco Alido, the advice of Fr. MacGrath, and the support of her husband, Edgardo, she took the plunge and put up Elizabeth Seton School in 1975.

## Birth pains

The Alidos were with her from the very start. They pooled their resources and came up with the initial capital of P200,000. The Alidos converted the ground floor of their 2,000-square-meter residential quarter in Bacoor, Cavite into four classrooms. The second floor became the residence of the young Suarez family.

Suarez just had her first baby. Starting a family and a school made things doubly hard for her. Although the Alidos were stakeholders in the school, she was given a free hand in running it. It was not an easy start and it was not meant to be smooth sailing. The first hurdle was the school's name.

Suarez and the Alidos decided the school would be a Catholic school with a Catholic name. However, they couldn't seem to find a saint's name that had not yet been used. One day, Suarez read the news about the canonization of an American nun, Mother Elizabeth Anne Seton. Right there and then, she went to the Securities and Exchange Commission to register. That was how the school got its name.

A REAL oasis for learning

"It was a difficult start. Parents hardly knew us. I was the lone staff of the school—its principal, teacher, administrator and janitress. I did all the teaching materials," she recalls.

Only three months into operations came an eviction notice. It turned out that the property ESS was occupying was mortgaged and the other party refused to have it redeemed. It was again the Alidos who came to the rescue with their five-bedroom bungalow just across the original property. It was far from ideal having a floor area of 500 sq.m. and a land area of 2,000 sq.m. but ESS managed.

Suarez improvised—converting the lawn into a playground and introducing modular cubes in the classrooms, which were transformed into a stage, tables, boats, trains or even climbers.

By word of mouth, ESS got known to the community. Enrollment grew, so Suarez hired teachers and staff but only those who could identify themselves well with the school's principles.

## Growing up

Suarez ensured that instructional materials were chosen well to address the basic needs of a child.

While teaching, running the school and raising a family (she has been a hands-on mother to her children), Suarez also mentored her faculty. She supervised them, helped them perfect their grammar, taught them social graces and addressed regional accents.

"Parents and students are our stakeholders, we cannot afford to short-change them. We have to give them our best," she says.

Another problem cropped up again involving the property occupied by ESS and this prompted her to transfer her school anew in 1979. Suarez and the Alidos decided to move out of Cavite and transfer to a leased 7,000-sq.m. property in Manuela Subdivision in Pamplona, Las Piñas. They knew the move would be better for the school since Las Piñas is part of the National Capital Region and it was beginning to urbanize.

It was also in response to the parents' clamor for a grade school. Suarez developed the Manuela property into a grade school campus and tapped another property in nearby Philam Village for the pre-school. From 280 students on the first year in the new location, the pre-school and grade school enrollees nearly doubled the following year.

To live up to the ideals it had set, ESS upgraded its facilities. But they were short of funds.

"There were times when we had no money to pay for the salaries of the teachers and staff. But as always, God provided through parents, friends and relatives," she says.

"Banks did not want to lend to us because we had no collateral to offer," Suarez recalls.

With funds always short during the construction period, Suarez' innovations again came to play. She had classrooms built with practical designs with the front walls of each classroom and the faculty room removable and reconfigured for other purposes.

## Home of its own

Just as things started moving smoothly, another snag hit ESS. A land dispute arose in 1986 between the school and the owner of the Manuela property. The case was settled but Suarez and the Alidos decided it was time to find ESS its own home.

It did not take long for Suarez to find a place for ESS in Vista Grande BF Resort also in Las Piñas. It consisted of separate lots owned by Filipino-Chinese siblings. Not only were the land owners willing to sell the property to ESS, they also gave Suarez the best possible price and terms.

The first lot of 5,000 sq.m. was bought at a "pay-when-able term within three years for P300 per sq.m." The other lots were sold to the school one after the other later, completing what is now the Seton School main campus.

This inspired Suarez to put into the school all the best it could have. The campus was made into an oasis for learning. Shady trees, ornamental plants and well-manicured lawns made the environment conducive to learning. It has an Olympic size swimming pool and other sports facilities, a chapel and amenities that can make the school a real second home to the students, their teachers and the school staff.

In consultation with Evelyn and her husband, Suarez crafted her strategies for the school anchored on her vision to provide "well-rounded education for well-rounded students." This meant not only teaching the students the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic but playing a role in their value formation, honing their social and practical skills and making them aware and prepared to face the goings-on in the bigger world.

She shared with the faculty and the staff these ideals and strategies so that the whole school could act as one in attaining its goal.

While working on all these for the school, Suarez pursued her own educational advancement, obtaining her master's degree from Philippine Women's University and doctorate from the De La Salle University. She encouraged her teachers to also grow professionally. The school shoulders the expenses of those who want to pursue further education.

## Awareness

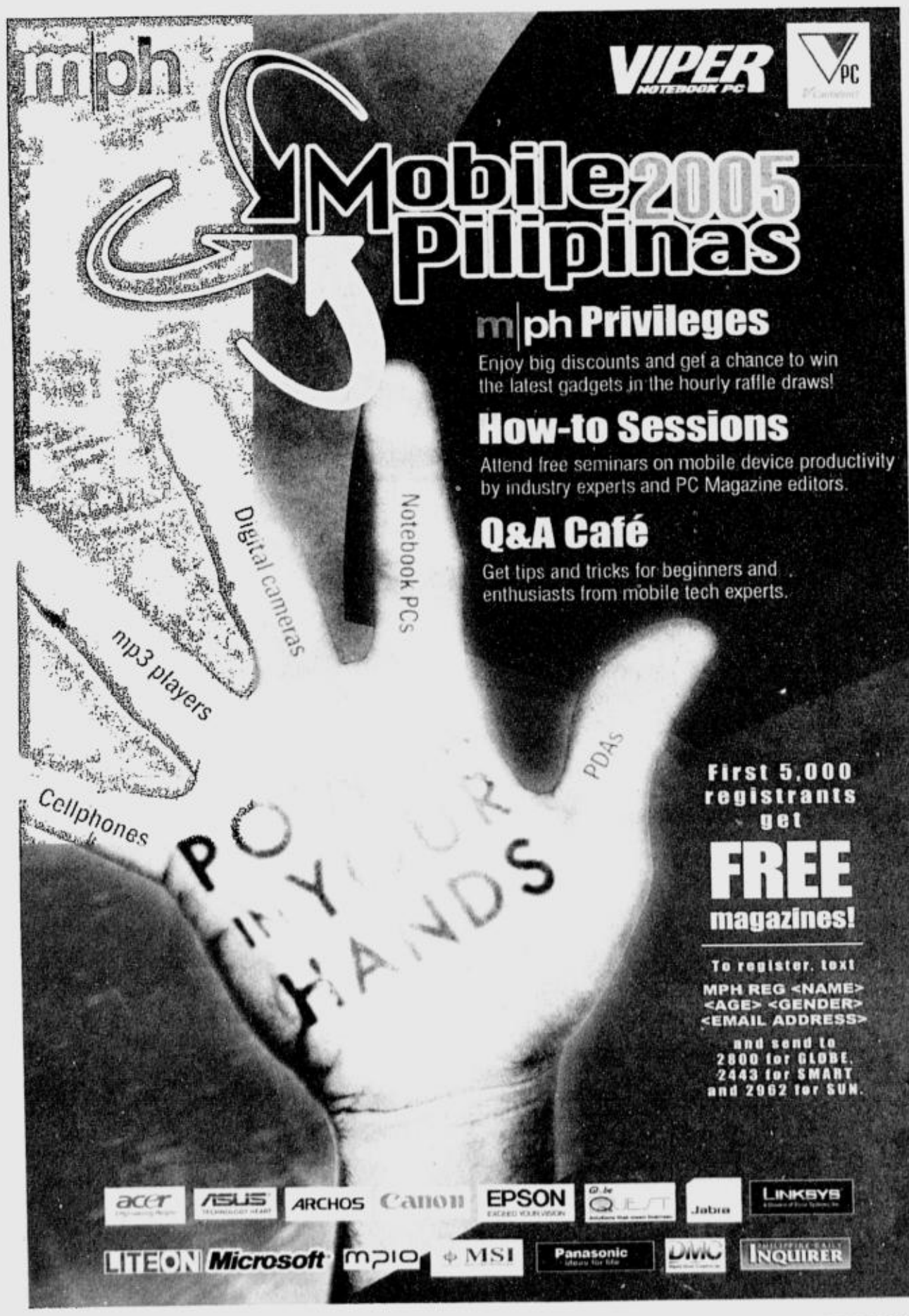
She made her staff and her students aware of the goings-on not only in their own community but in the country and the rest of the world. She continued learning and honing her craft and whatever she learned were shared with the ESS teachers.

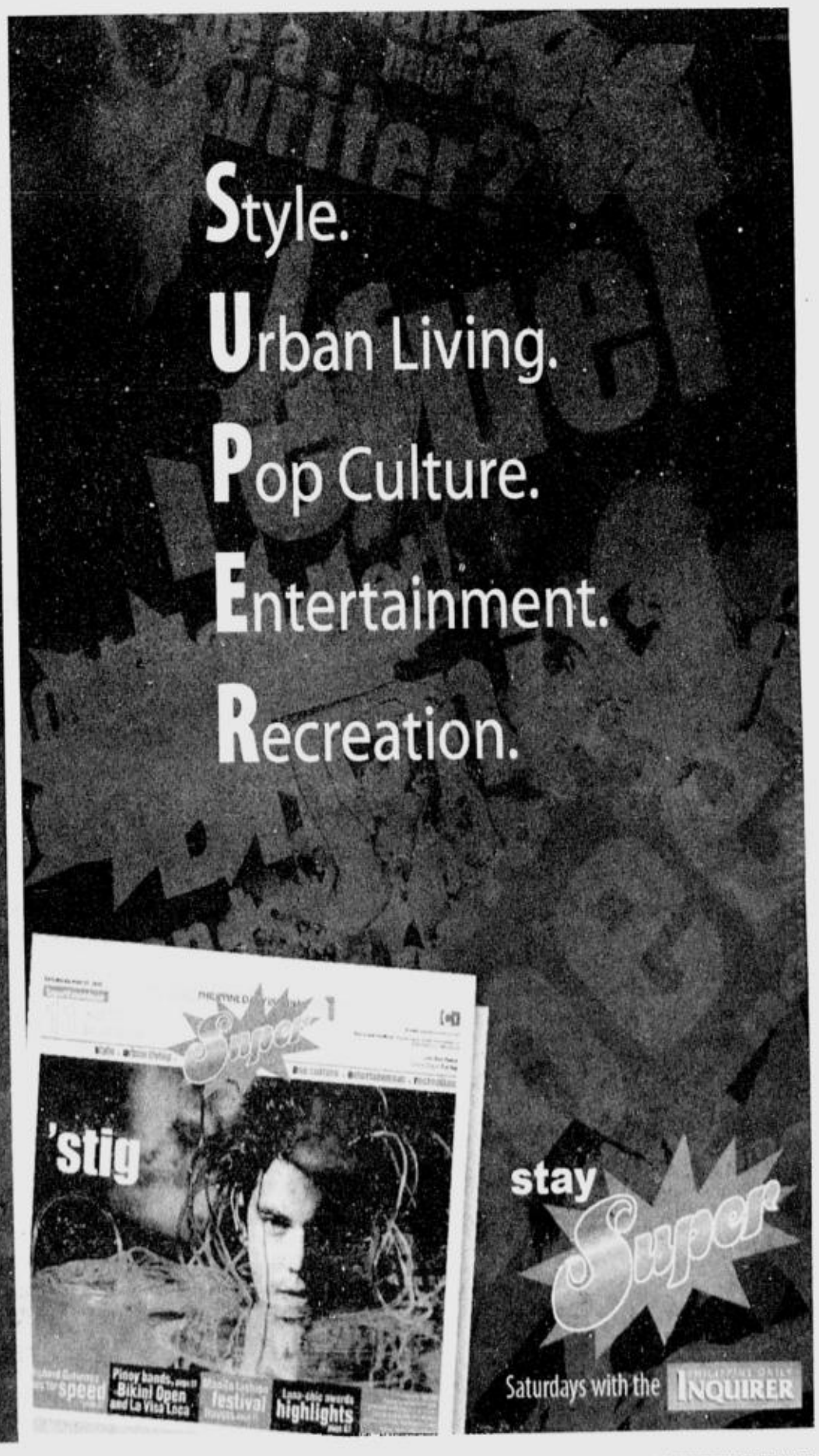
Asked what sets ESS apart from other schools, Suarez was quick to answer, "the values we added." All schools, she explained, have the same basic lessons and it is up to the individual schools to innovate and make their own marks.

Its five-point strategy spelled the difference between ESS and other schools—innovative instruction, culture of excellence, faculty and staff empowerment, facilities improvement and student-centered change.

Suarez is aptly rewarded for these efforts with the quality students ESS has been producing all these year, and recognized by her stakeholders, her community and peers by granting her the 13th Gintong Ilawan Outstanding Elementary School Principal.

Suarez and the Alidos share their blessings. They help the Father Donato Giannoti School, a poor missionary school, and adopted the Mikesell Elementary School, a public school, under the Department of Education's "Adopt-a-School Program.'

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# Hotel sells to OFWs in novel way

By Vincent Cabreza
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—Kabayan Hotels in Quezon and Pasay cities market their services to the provinces, with a theater troupe and six life-sized graphic printout of their facilities instead of laptops and flowcharts.

In many of these marketing tours, you won't even find business suits.

There is reason for their madness.

Confronted by an economy that is enslaved to political turmoil and world crude price fluctuations, the young professionals of the Kabayan Hotel chain have designed their services to suit an untapped market of Overseas Filipino Workers and businessmen from the provinces, who frequent Metro Manila.

Ronald Allan Garcia, Kabayan general manager, said in a briefing that the average daily deployment of 3,000 migrant workers gave the hotel a big market base that provide recurring traffic, but was not sufficiently being served by mainstream hotels.

Five-star hotels in Makati City may wrestle with a gradual slump in tourism and the geometric rise in fuel prices, but Kabayan can sustain a simple operation because it serves a low-income but voluminous client population from the provinces, Garcia said.

GARCIA PHOTO BY EV ESPIRITU

He said tapping the one million OFWs alone would help evolve Kabayan "into the country's first full-fledged Filipino hotel chain."

He based this forecast on the latest government labor reports, which see a 6.6-percent rise in deployed overseas marine workers and a 5-percent rise in land-based overseas workers this year.

Kabayan Hotel was spun off from the chain of hotels developed by Legend Hotels International Corp. in the 1990s.

Garcia said the first 109-room Kabayan Hotel rose in Pasay City in 2001. Another 73-room hotel was built two years later in Cubao, Quezon City.

"The best reason for a hotel to go completely Pinoy" is the fact that it could drop all of the pretension attributed to high-profile tourism, he added.

*"Wala kaming mga chef na hindi ma-pronounce ang pangalan. Meron kaming* Cruz at De la Cruz... (We don't employ chefs with unpronounceable names. We have chefs named Cruz and De la Cruz)," Dante Cruz, 36, Legend assistant vice president, said.

The "chemistry" of the Kabayan rooms, their relatively low rates, and the Filipino recipes they serve clients complete a hotel service package that will make lower middle class travelers feel at home, Garcia said.

"They can come down from their rooms with their most comfortable, casual clothes to have breakfast. They can wear slippers to the dining area," Garcia's briefing paper said.

Hotel Cubao serves Northern Luzon travelers, while Hotel Pasay is often accessed by Visayan and Mindanao-based travelers who alight from the domestic airport.

"Since we cater to the Filipino markets, we allow and even encourage family and friends to welcome guests we fetch from the airport," Garcia said.

So bringing the Tanghalang Pilipino of the Cultural Center of the Philippines to potential clients in the provinces instead of sedate, corporate reports was the only approach available to Kabayan.

The hotels invested in a small drama group that developed a 15-minute vaudeville-like show most corporations would find too corny. The drama group recently went to Baguio to give the city a peek into what it offers.

Paolo Rodriguez, a Tanghalan member, usually opens the show by launching a skit-narrative about the amenities of Kabayan Hotel in Cubao and Pasay City for the "probinsiyano" and the OFW.

The group unfurls giant canvas sheets printed with photographic renditions of Kabayan's P1,600/day Superior Rooms or their P365 per head Bayanihan Rooms. They act out or perform a musical routine in front of these giant portraits to explore the hotels' VIPs or Very Important Pinoys.

Both hotels have enjoyed a streak of success. "We have 80 percent bookings daily," Garcia said.

This has encouraged management to embark on the aggressive marketing campaign.

# Three generations of lechon-making

By Joyce C. Abaño

FOR THREE generations, Leonardo's Lechon has remained a favorite lechon-maker in San Juan, Manila.

What differentiates them from most lechon-makers is they use native pigs.

Leonard Francisco Aquino, a grandchild of Leonardo "Totoy" Reyes Aquino, who started Leonardo's in 1941 says the breed of the hogs really matter in making lechon, that's why they use native pigs.

He said that the secret to a crispy-skinned and tasty lechon is in the hog used.

"*Kailangan yung* fat *ng* pig *tamang tama lang; yung konting* fat *na yun kasi ang nagpapalutong sa* skin... so *pag ni*-roast *mo sya, yung* oil *lumalabas*, that's why we use native pigs *dahil tamang tama lang sya*" Aquino shares.

"It's like frying the pig *sa sarili nyang mantika. Kaya lumulutong yung* skin. So *kapag hindi maganda yung baboy* na *ginamit mo*, like several breeds of farm pigs, then you won't get the results you want to have, and it's also not advisable to use those farm pigs *kasi mabilis kumunat ang* skin," he adds.

Native pigs are mostly black in color or a mixture of brown and white with a long snout. They are slightly saddle-backed and are small to medium sized.

According to the 25-year-old, who recently took over the management of the business, his grandfather, who passed away early last year, learned the process of lechon-making in his hometown, Montalban.

With the help of his grandmother, Josefina "Pinay" Bautista Aquino, Aquino's grandparents were able to put up a stall in the local market in San Juan where their lechon was famous among friends and neighbors.

"My grandfather's friends would drop by the stall at the market and say 'Totoy, *lechonan mo naman kami bukas*', and my grandfather would buy the pig and roast it in their backyard... it started with *paisa-isang order lang*," Aquino relates.

As the business grew and became famous, Aquino's grandparents expanded their backyard to have more room for additional roasting area and a slaughterhouse that is regularly checked by the health department.

Having a slaughterhouse at the back of the house is an advantage which assures Leonardo's customers that their lechon comes from freshly slaughtered meat.

According to Aquino, there is a big difference if the pig is freshly slaughtered before roasting or not. "The skin always tastes better when it's a freshly slaughtered pig, and the crispiness, when rightly roasted, lasts longer," he divulges.

"Although I've only recently taken over the running of the business, I'm no novice to lechon making because I've been helping around since I was a kid," Aquino says.

Leonardo's has two workers that personally see to the preparation, stuffing, seasoning and roasting of the hogs. Juanita Gile and Jose Salazar were both taught by Leonardo himself a few years after he started the business.

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Leonardo's order the hogs from their supplier in Pangasinan currently managed by Ones Frias whose family has been supplying Leonardo's for three generations.

Aquino says the hogs are carefully fed with vegetables, corn and rice bran, as well as small amounts of coconut cakes made of coconut oil.

At Leonardo's, one order of lechon has a free dish of their house specialty, dinuguan, a Filipino dish made of pig's blood and entrails.

"Leonardo's is also famous for its dinuguan and, of course, the lechon sauce is made of fresh liver," Aquino says.

"We have our own dinuguan cook and sauce maker, July Reyes, and he's been with us for 10 years. Those two are his main job. *Matagal din kasi gawin yung* dinuguan because you have to make sure it's cleaned well. Dinuguan tastes bad *kasi pag hindi nilinis ng mabuti yung* intestines," he adds.

Leonardo's gets around 10 to 20 heads of pre-ordered lechon on ordinary days and around 180-200 during the holiday season.

Leonardo's also delivers other dishes if the customers order for big parties and special occasions.

Some of their specialties are Pork Lengua, Lechon Paksiw, Bopis, Kaldereta, Beef Steak and Fish Salad.

"We are currently thinking of doing a party package but not the catering type," Aquino says.

"We are finalizing the packaging. We want to use the disposable but microwaveable containers so the customers won't have to bother with the washing up after parties. When we deliver the food, it'll be ready to serve for parties already," he adds.

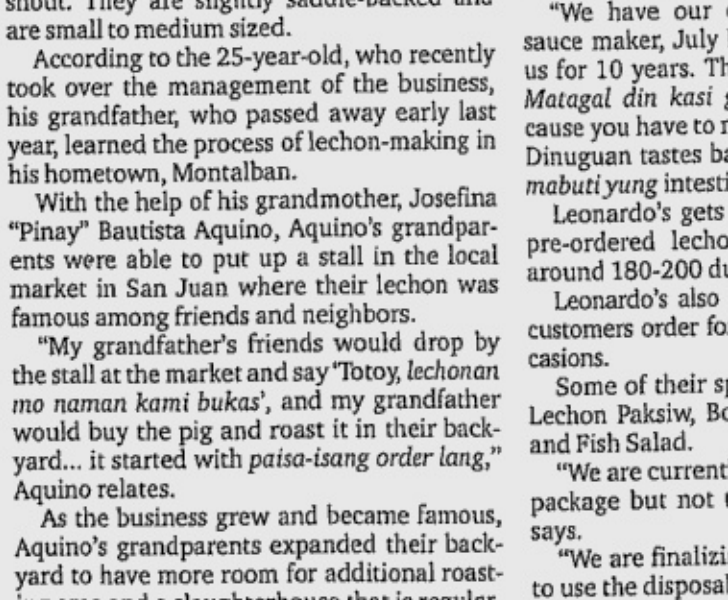
Aquino shared that San Miguel is one of their bigger clients and deposed President Joseph Estrada.

"Erap has been buying lechon from us even when he was still a mayor," he adds.

A few years after Aquino's grandparents started with the lechon business, they had also opened a foodarama and a grocery store.

"My grandparents have built a good name for our lechon business for years and right now, there is nothing I can do except make the operations even better," Aquino says.

*Leonardo's is located at 89 J. Basa St., San Juan, Metro Manila, with tel. nos. 7243068, 7269828 and 7256071.*



**LEONARD Aquino with his grandmother Josefina "Pinay" Aquino**

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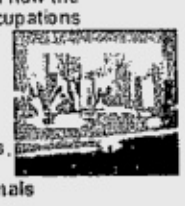

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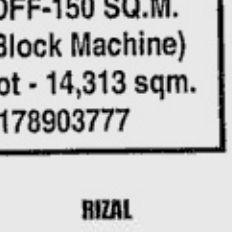

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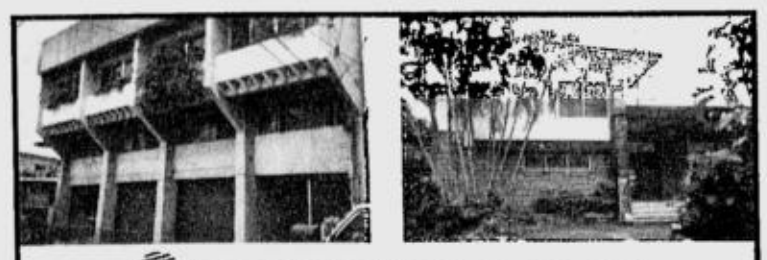

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### LOT

#### KALOOCAN

RAINBOW VILLAGE 5 LA 216m² P3,473/m² Vic 8903461 loc 25

#### MAKATI

Nr Ayala 298m² 09179160226

#### MANILA

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HP: 0917-897-4242

**BATANGAS**

CANYON WOODS 09178465694

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ALANA Motors Corp. is looking at the export market for its Hammer.

THE SECOND and third generation: Julius, Jian, Jasper and their dad, Alfredo.

# Three generations of road warriors

THREE decades ago, Teodoro Alana would never have thought that the humble calesa shop he established in their town in Lucena, Quezon, would someday become a world-class vehicle manufacturer churning out the fearsome and intimidating Hummer.

From its traditional beginnings, Teodoro's venture expanded to rebuilding Willy's Jeeps which were popular at that time.

In the '80's, his son Alfredo diversified and went into the production of passenger jeepneys. By then, the company was already known as Alana II Motors. It was also continuously expanding and innovating uniquely hand- and machine- crafted vehicle designs. Furthermore, in response to the growing demand for all-purpose vehicles, cruisers and Wrangler jeeps, the company decided to introduce to the market Alana Hammer Performers, their own version of SUVs and AUVs.

Today, there is no stopping the third generation from engaging in the same passion. Spurred by the growing interest in SUVs and off-roaders, grandchildren Jasper, Jian and Julius five years ago came up with their version of the Hummer which they call AMC Hammer.

"It was because of our innate family inclination, unwavering vision and great passion to make a vehicle with a difference that we, the third generation Alanas, decided to continue the legacy that our grandfather started," explains Jasper, 26.

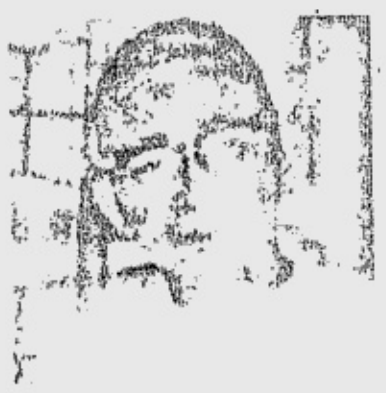
## Gulf-war inspired

Inspired by the imposing look of the Gulf-war tested Hummer, AMC's design team conceptualized and created a keen and mean copy of the original Hummer.

"The rise in interest in the original Am General Hummer in the Philippines was primarily brought out by the Gulf War in the early '90's. Pictures and CNN images of the war would catch the Hummer in its most intimidating and imposing state alongside army tanks and other war vehicles," recounts Jasper.

With this exposure, a fascination was sparked in the hearts and minds of Filipino car enthusiasts and hobbyists. It was an opportunity too good to pass up for Jasper and his brothers who were still then in high school. In their young minds, they were already tinkering with the idea of making their own version primarily for their personal use. After all, their jeep manufacturing company is just there.

"What started out as a hobby for us soon became a business opportunity as we found ourselves being stopped in the middle of the road by complete strangers



TEODORO Alana who started it all.

ogling and wondering where they could get themselves their own unit," Jasper shares.

So inspired by an idea that has found a market long before it was even launched, the brothers designed the first two models of AMC Hammer Pick-up and AMC Hammer Wagon.

"We were aware that we were venturing towards a totally different market from our dad and granddad so we kept our focus on our production, manufacturing limited AMC Hammer pick-up and wagon which we made available only through a per order basis," enthuses Jasper, a graduate of Industrial Economics from the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P).

Yet, inspite of the modern technologies available, top quality and impeccable craftsmanship is top of mind for the Alana grandchildren. To this day, tradition plays a big role in the manufacture process of the Hammers, which is for the most part is handcarved by their seasoned crew. They also adhere to using only one type of surplus chassis for easier maintenance and repair.

At the 11th Motorshow International (Manila) at the World Trade Center in 2002, local and international audiences were captivated by the solid and grand looks of the AMC Hammer. Under the close scrutiny and meticulous standards of local car enthusiasts and exhibitors, as well as foreign delegates, the company has since gained loyal clients both here and abroad.

## Standing out

Aware that there are other competitors in the local manufacture of the Hummer-type of vehicles, AMC differentiates itself by being the only one that custom builds according to the specifications, and yes oftentimes whims, of its clients and delivers right at their doorstep within a couple of months. They shun ready-made body kits which can be easily assembled and completed by local mechanics.

Furthermore, they use only a single brand of the integral parts of the vehicle and do not resort to the chopseuy style of assembling vehicles.

"Compared with others who assemble using a hodge-podge of brands, we only use one kind, one brand of Japanese surplus parts," Jasper explains. "This is our service to our client because it makes things convenient for them to maintain and repair the vehicle."

Who then is the Hammer user?

Jasper observes that most AMC Hammer owners are lured into acquiring the much-prized vehicle because of its physical appearance and performance, add to that the robust look and feel that comes with its imposing and fearsome stance as it traverses the roads.

The AMC Hammer has captured more than its fair share of powerful clientele that includes politicians, affluent businessmen, practical contractors and off-roaders who use them as either their Sunday car, service vehicle, or off-road wagon of choice.

"The instant 'celebrity feel' owners experience when driving around with their AMC Hammers is courtesy of the stares, waves and thumbs-up sign from strangers as they drive by," Jasper shares.

## Export-worthy

The contribution of AMC's three generations to local vehicle manufacturing gives them the lead in showcasing Filipino craftsmanship and ingenuity. The superior, stand-out qualities of AMC Hammers among other assemblers and manufacturers have made them export-worthy. A vehicle manufacturer in Australia has been outsourcing the AMC Hammers for a year now with orders coming in every month.

In the near future, the Alana brothers plan to introduce a smaller breed of their AMC Hammer closely patterned after the original H2 from the United States. Plans of expanding their product line to include special features like bullet-proofed exteriors and Limousine Hammer vehicle services are also in the offing.

For the forthcoming 14th Motorshow International on Sept. 14-18, 2005 at the Forum in PICC. AMC will surely turn heads once again when it exhibits a restored original Hummer alongside their own version. An additional third unit is a lowered AMC Hammer wagon. AMC will join the hundreds of participating manufacturers, car clubs, car accessories companies and many more in the country's biggest and longest running auto and cycle show mounted by Philippine Exhibits and Theme Parks Corp. (PETCO)

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# Okra farmers...

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tory of the 20-year-old okra industry in the province that this happened.

In the past, "everything got sold," assuring profits for farmers, Beltran says.

The quota system was the reason 65-year-old Tiburcio Dumandan, also of Barangay San Manuel, stopped okra farming early this year.

Dumandan, a newly retired professor at the Tarlac State University, started growing okra in 2001 on a five-hectare farm in Barangay Villa Bacolor.

He says his income from okra production per harvest was more than his annual income from the university.

But the imposition of quota changed all that.

"I still earned, but it wasn't as big as before, and it wasn't worth the effort and the money that I would pour into production," he says.

He said planting okra is costly and time-consuming.

From land preparation, to planting, to providing irrigation, to applying fertilizers, and to keeping plants free from pests and diseases, Dumandan says they spend money and energy.

"It is profitable only if all our good harvests are bought. If only half of these are bought, we're doomed to incur losses," he says.

He didn't want to incur losses, so he quit.

Beltran says the quota was due to the competition posed by Thailand, whose cheaper labor and closer location to Japan, the main market for fresh okra pods, resulted in fewer demand for Philippine-grown okras.

Helen Matsuoka, known as the "mother of the okra industry" in Tarlac, said Thailand was the country's "No. 1 rival."

However, the 46-year-old agricultural exporter and wife of a Japanese businessman, was more optimistic than most people about the prospects of the okra industry.

"We stand a good chance against Thailand if only the government will help," Matsuoka says.

And government help was what okra farmers and exporters sought in 2001, when the Japanese government banned okra from the Philippines after a sample of these were found to have exceeded the allowable limit for chlorpyrifos, a toxic residue of pesticides in plants.

This resulted in the decline in the volume of okra exports to Japan.

Edwina Tabamo, plant quarantine officer of the provincial agriculture office, said from a high of 1,134,746 boxes of fresh okra pods exported to Japan in 2001 by the province, the volume went down to 787,890 boxes in 2002, then further down to 618,333 boxes in 2003 and 568,607 boxes in 2004.

Matsuoka urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to deal directly with the Japanese government to have the ban lifted immediately because okra pods were wasting away in containers in Japanese ports.

She also asked the Department of Agriculture for support for okra farmers in the form of training and seminars on the proper use of pesticides, among other things.

Two months after its imposition, the Japanese government's ban on Philippine okras was lifted on certain conditions.

While government got involved in the okra industry only in 2001, its role expanded beyond the analysis of okra samples, she says.

It is now into educating okra farmers on the proper use of pesticides.

Tabamo says the DA Central Luzon office, with the University of the Philippines at Los Baños and the National Crop Protection Center, conduct training for farmers.

Aside from teaching pesticide use, the training program, dubbed the "Farmer's Field School (FFS)," includes topics on marketing and agribusiness. Held on-site, the training is also a prerequisite for farmers who want to go into okra growing.

"Without an FFS certificate of participation, an okra farmer cannot export his produce," Tabamo said.

"We need to be cautious this time in using pesticides because this is our last chance [to save our okra trade with Japan]."

Beltran said the government also needs to look into the low farm gate price of fresh okra products.

In 2001, fresh okra pods had a farm gate price of P64 a box. Then the price rose to between P100 and P120. This year, however, it dipped to between P85 and P90 a box.

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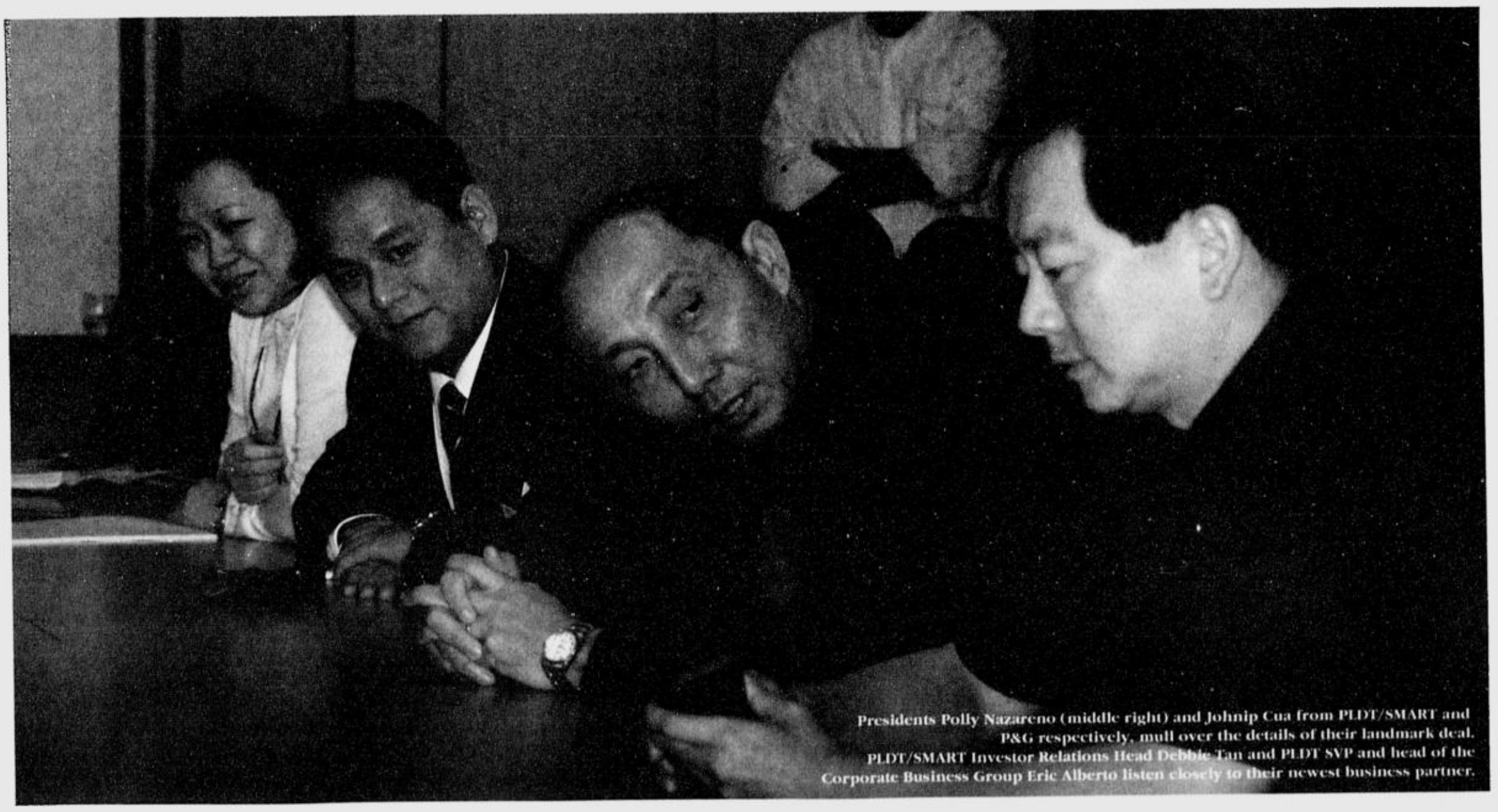

Presidents Polly Nazareno (middle right) and Johnip Cua from PLDT/SMART and P&G respectively, mull over the details of their landmark deal. PLDT/SMART Investor Relations Head Debbie Tan and PLDT SVP and head of the Corporate Business Group Eric Alberto listen closely to their newest business partner.

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## Mercer acquires Watson Wyatt New Zealand Business

MERCER Human Resource Consulting, a global leader for trusted human resources and related financial advice, products and services, today announced signing an agreement to acquire the shares of Watson Wyatt New Zealand Limited. The transaction consolidates Mercer's position as a leading consultancy for such services in New Zealand. The agreement was signed today, with the acquisition expected to finalise during September 2005 by way of share transfer. "The acquisition is an excellent fit for our business and is consistent with Mercer's global growth strategy," said Brian Storms, chief executive officer and president of Mercer Human Resource Consulting. "Companies around the world look to Mercer to help them solve some of the most important issues they face today. This includes consulting advice to our clients regarding financial and retirement security for employees, health, productivity and employment relationships." "We have achieved a reputation regionally for delivering industry-leading advisory content in tandem with innovative, effective bundled products and solutions," said Peter Promnitz, Chief executive officer of Mercer Human Resource Consulting for Australia/ New Zealand. "It follows our acquisition in April of the Australian operations of Mellon Human Resources and Investor Solutions and its subsidiaries." "We are a leader in the superannuation business in New Zealand," noted Promnitz. "We offer the full range of human capital, and investment consulting services. Now that we are joined by professionals of Watson Wyatt New Zealand, we have the opportunity to continue to grow our business in this market and leverage our scale. Our aim is a seamless transfer of client relationships and information. We look forward to working with our new colleagues and clients," Tim Jenkins, Mercer New Zealand head, will assume leadership of the acquired business and will manage the transition process. On finalization, the acquired business will be renamed Mercer Human Resource Consulting (NZ) Ltd, trading under Mercer Human Resource Consulting. Mercer Human Resource Consulting acquired the Australian operations of Mellon Human Resources & Investor Solutions and its subsidiaries on 29 April, 2005 by way of a share transfer, boosting Mercer's position as the leading superannuation provider in Australia in the new Choice of Fund environment.

## BKFI stages Las Maloleñas in Bulacan

THE Barasoain Kalinangan Foundation, Inc. (BKFI) will perform its original sarswela production billed as "Los Maloleñas" on September 8-15, 10am and 1pm at the Nicanor Abelardo Auditorium, Provincial Capitol Complex in Malolos, Bulacan. The show is presented in celebration of the Centennial of Asociacion Feminista Filipina, the 25th Anniversary of BKFI and the 19th Year of Linggo ng Bulacan, and in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Bulacan. With script written by Dr. Nicanor G. Tiongson, music composed by Willy B. Cruz, Gino Gonzales executes set and costume design, and Shoko Naomi Matsumoto renders the lighting design. Directed by Armando Sta. Ana, "Los Maloleñas" tells the story of twenty women of Malolos, who struggled to liberate themselves from the political and cultural strictures imposed by the Spanish overlord, the American invader, and the Filipino patriarch. BKFI is a community theater based in Malolos, Bulacan. Conceived in 1980 as an initiative by seven young thespians from the different towns in the said province, it evolved into the preeminent theater group which utilizes traditional art forms such as the awit, sayaw, balagtasan, moro-moro, senakulo, kundiman, and sarswelang Tagalog - with ingenious contemporary innovations. For years, the group has not only staged original productions, but likewise conducted theater laboratory workshops to discover and hone the talents of Bulacan youth. It participated in the First National Theater Festival at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1992, and was accorded the 2004 Gawad CCP Para sa Sining award, among its other numerous achievements. For sponsorships, bookings and ticket reservations, contact Sonny Cristobal at 0927-3889216, 044-6625610, 044-7910487 and 02-8330267.

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Telephone Nos. 635-98-22; 631-0673; Telefax No. 635-9826

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : August 18, 2005
Loan No. : 1654 PHI; Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP)
IFB No. : SEDIP-2005-OE-ADB

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepED) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards financing the cost of the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of various office equipment.
2. The DepED through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Various Office Equipment as follows:

| Item No. | Description | Quantity | Recipient Institutions |
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| 1 | Laptop Computers | 10 units | SEDIP-NPMO, 5th Floor, Bonifacio Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue Pasig City |
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| 3 | Desktop Computers | 19 units | |
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| 5 | Plain Paper Copier | 1 unit | |
| 6 | LCD Projectors with Document Cameras | 3 units | |
| 7 | Duplicating Machine | 1 unit | |
| 8 | Computer Servers | 3 units | Selected Secondary Schools for 15 SEDIP Divisions |
| 9 | Overhead Projectors | 500 units | |

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid forms and inspect the bidding documents at the BAC Secretariat, Procurement Service, Room 508, 5th Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. No. 636-6543 or visit DepED Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph or the DBM Procurement Service Website at http://www.procurementservice.org.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting August 29, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00).
5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two percent (2%) of the total bid amount and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before 10:00 a.m., September 30, 2005 and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines.
6. Prior to the bid opening a pre-bid conference will be held on September 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. and at the address indicated on paragraph 5.
7. The DepED reserves the right to accept and reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process at any time prior to award of Contract without incurring any liability to the affected bidders and to waive any minor informality or non-conformity in a bid which does not constitute a material deviation, provided such waiver will not prejudice or affect competitive ranking of any bid.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - August 21 & 28, 2005)

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID # 2005-16

The **PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION Bids & Awards Committee (PITC-BAC)** invites PITC accredited pharma suppliers and local manufacturers, traders, wholesalers and distributors of pharmaceutical products who can meet the following minimum requirements for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of various locally manufactured or sourced medicines:

- In the Pharmaceutical business for at least three (3) years and still in operation
- With Stockholders' Equity or Capital Account of at least **P3 Million** as of December 31, 2004
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- Must have valid Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) issued by BFAD for each product offered
- If a distributor, must submit Certificate(s) of Exclusive Distributorship/Authority to Sell issued by the manufacturer, owner or trader for the specific products offered.

Estimated budget is **THREE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS** (P300 Million).

Bid documents will be available for issuance during office hours, weekdays only, starting August 23, 2005 until September 5, 2005, from the BAC Secretariat c/o Mrs. Helen R. Muncal at the 4th Floor of the NDC Building, 116 Tordesillas St. Salcedo Village, Makati City after payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00). However, Pharmaceutical suppliers without a Certificate of Accreditation from PITC must first purchase Accreditation forms from PITC by paying a non-refundable fee of five hundred pesos (P500.00) and comply with the requirements for accreditation prior to purchase of bid documents.

A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled on September 06, 2005 at 10:00AM at the Penthouse of NDC Building. Bidders may submit their queryfies, if any, in writing to the BAC Secretariat through Fax Nos. 892-2021/892-2054 not later than three (3) working days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Only bid documents of bidders who participated in the pre-bid conference will be accepted and opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on September 20, 2005 at 9:00 AM, Penthouse, NDC Building.

The particulars relative to Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of **R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.**

PITC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a failure of bidding, waive any defects or informalities therein and/or accept the offer/s most advantageous and beneficial to the government. Further, the PITC assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the prospective bidders for any expenses incurred in the processing of their eligibility to bid and/or in the preparation of the bid.

(SGD) MARLENE R. LOPEZ
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## INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The Barangay Ayala Alabang invites all interested parties to pre-qualify for the:

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At Ma. Cristina St., Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City

DATE : August 30, 2005
TIME : 9:00 AM
WHERE : AAVA Community Center
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**Submit certified true copies of the following:**

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- ITR for the last two years (stamped by BIR);
- Audited Financial Statement for the last 2 years;
- VAT/E-VAT/NON-VAT Registration;
- List of clients/projects with their respective telephone numbers and addresses;

Submission of the above requirements shall not be later than 9:00 am of August 30, 2005 at the Barangay Ayala Alabang office, Narra Street, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila. Telephone no. (02) 8072472/8423554; E-mail: brgyayala@yahoo.com; Website: brgyayalaalabang.com

(Sgd) FRANCISCO A. UMALI, SR.
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-August 28, 2005)

## NOTICE BY ADVERTISEMENT

In the Family Court
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FAM-2005-020-000508

To : Renato M Lopez
Formally of : The Philippines

- **Elvira Dupra Lopez** has filed an application against you for the Dissolution of **Marriage**.

A copy of the application, with a notice containing information for you, may be obtained from the Family Court Office, Private Bag 9005, Hastings New Zealand.
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- A Notice of Defence, within 35 days of the date of this advertisement
- A request for an appearance, within 35 days of the date of this advertisement.
- A request for a hearing, within 35 days of the date of this advertisement.

S.I. Ebbett
Deputy Registrar
22 August 2005

Any person knowing the whereabouts of **Renato M Lopez** is asked to bring this notice to his attention.

(PDI – August 28, 2005)

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## NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehension Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

| LANDOWNER | LOCATION | TITLE NO. | LOT NO. | AREA | DATE OCULAR INSPECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Benita Tadem (NAIDCOR) | Aurora, Prosperidad | P-9968 | 1921,Pls-43 | 8.0642 | 9/13/2005 |
| 2. Juan Gabaton (NAIDCOR) | Aurora, Prosperidad | P-6686 | 3157,Pls-43 | 9.3680 | 9/13/2005 |
| 3. Benedicto Funciou (NAIDCOR) | Aurora, Prosperidad | T-4513 | 3198,Pls-43 | 8.0915 | 9/13/2005 |
| 4. Gervacio Sobere (NAIDCOR) | Aurora, Prosperidad | (P-6037) P-4349 | 3230,Pls-43 | 9.2007 | 9/13/2005 |
| 5. Teotimo Boctot (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | P-9067 | 1882,Pls-43 | 12.2306 | 9/14/2005 |
| 6. Jose Centino (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | T-2289 | 1899,Pls-43 | 11.0485 | 9/14/2005 |
| 7. Vicente Magsaysay (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | P-9900 | 1900,Pls-43 | 7.6267 | 9/14/2005 |
| 8. Exequil Magsaysay (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | T-1593 | 1902,Pls-43 | 9.3469 | 9/14/2005 |
| 9. Aparicio Gavino (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | P-9370 | 2926,Pls-43 | 20.2048 | 9/14/2005 |
| 10. Teofilo Corton (NAIDCOR) | Los Arcos, Prosperidad | T-4480 | 3066,Pls-43 | 7.4217 | 9/14/2005 |
| 11. Esmeralda Gonzaga (NAIDCOR) | New Maug, Prosperidad | T-3320 | 2618,Pls-43 | 6.3035 | 9/15/2005 |
| 12. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | (P-7868) P-5676 | 2935,Pls-43 | 4.8962 | 9/15/2005 |
| 13. Aurorita Aguillon (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | T-2366 | 2935,Pls-43 | 6.2696 | 9/15/2005 |
| 14. Alfredo Salinas (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | P-6409 | 2974,Pls-43 | 3.5792 | 9/15/2005 |
| 15. Benito Manatad (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | P-5636 | 679,Pls-43 | 2.9814 | 9/15/2005 |
| 16. Leopoldo Bustalino (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | (P-6070) P-4346 | 690,Pls-43 | 5.4140 | 9/15/2005 |
| 17. Martiniano Soriano (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | (P-7867) P-5675 | 729,Pls-43 | 10.0036 | 9/15/2005 |
| 18. Pastor Sabroso (NAIDCOR) | San Salvador, Prosperidad | (T-1264) T-949 | 777,Pls-43 | 7.2518 | 9/15/2005 |
| 19. Fulgencio Casas | Mahayahay, Sibagat | (T-226) 160 | 21,Pls-431 | 9.4106 | 09/16/2005 |
| 20. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7643 | 154,GSS-1000 | 1.6253 | 9/20/2005 |
| 21. Sofia Lucero (RB-San Francisco) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7643 | 153,GSS-1000 | 2.0211 | 9/20/2005 |
| 22. Bedendino Vidal (RB-San Francisco) | Salvacion, Prosperidad | P-6344 | 2462,Pls-43 | 6.2453 | 9/20/2005 |
| 23. Felipe Pasag (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Irene, Prosperidad | T-5816 | 15,GSS-1000 | 12.2863 | 09/21-23/2005 |
| 24. Eleonor Saniel (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-9627 | 134,GSS-1000 | 6.7099 | 09/21-23/2005 |
| 25. Elenor Saniel (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-9626 | 135,GSS-1000 | 9.9417 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 26. Anatolio Lima (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-9216 | 137,GSS-1000 | 9.4068 | 9/21-23/2005 |
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| 32. Amado Urbiztondo (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7873 | 148,GSS-1000 | 7.8733 | 9/21-23/20059 |
| 33. Tarciana Flores (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-8396 | 157,GSS-1000 | 2.5228 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 34. Perla Quilla (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7590 | 164,GSS-1003 | 10.3154 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 35. Dominador Fernandez (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7650 | 17,GSS-1003 | 7.5867 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 36. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7622 | 174,GSS-1000 | 6.9893 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 37. Eusebio Alvarez (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7568 | 175,GSS-1000 | 9.5902 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 38. Lucresia Gustilio (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7575 | 177,GSS-1000 | 1.9435 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 39. Leopoldo Castaneras (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | T-4918 | 23,GSS-1000 | 2.5903 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 40. Francisco Racho (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7616 | 3,GSS-1000 | 9.3002 | 9/21-23/20059 |
| 41. Rodolfo Marin (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-7570 | 31,GSS-1000 | 2.6335 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 42. Porferio Jumuad (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | P-9444 | 32,GSS-1000 | 5.4608 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| 43. Tomas Rosalda (NAIDCOR) | Sta. Maria, Prosperidad | T-1362 | 675,Pls-43 | 3.1389 | 9/21-23/2005 |
| TOTAL | | | | 306.3862 | |

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authorized representative to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we hall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we receive the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

(PDI – Aug. 14, 21 & 28, 2005)

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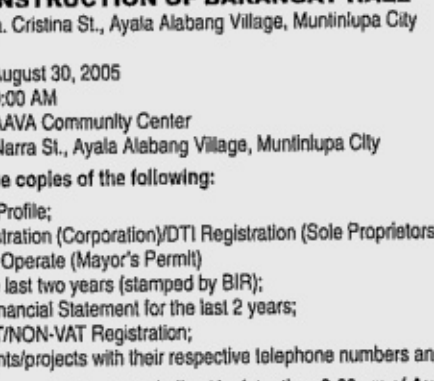

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(PDI – August 28, 2005)

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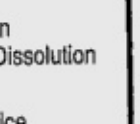

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## NOTICE OF LOSS

**Official Receipt Nos. 19776-19800** under the name of *Inter-Island Information Systems, Inc.* shall not be honored and hereby cancelled since it was lost on August 24, 2005.

(PDI – August 28, 2005)

The Public is hereby notified that **RAMILITO CATADMAN**, whose photograph appears above, is no longer connected with Lexmedia Digital Corporation. Hence, any transaction that may be entered into by him shall no longer be honored by the company.

(PDI – August 28, 2005)

## INVITATION TO BID

Water Damaged Colored Fabric
(13 rolls & 8 bales)
**September 02, 2005**
**2:00 p.m. @ MASCO office**
For particulars, pls. contact:
Willy Solicito
**@ MASCO 7543577/8130708**

# NFA distributes rice for typhoon 'Huaning' victims

THE NATIONAL Food Authority has intensified its rice distribution in Northern Luzon in the aftermath of typhoon "Huaning" which ravaged the Ilocos Region recently. Rice distribution outlets in the region such as Tindahan ni Gloria sa Barangay (TGB), Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP), and the agency's accredited rice outlets located inside and outside minor and major public markets were tapped to provide continuous supply of government rice during and after the typhoon hit the area. Prices of NFA rice remained at P16 and P18 per kilogram for the regular-milled rice (RMR) and well-milled rice (WMR), respectively. The NFA in Laoag had total rice stocks of 53,386 bags when typhoon "Huaning" hit the region, good to last for 15 days. Household stocks were recorded at 262,313 bags while commercial stocks were noted at 21,284 bags. There was no report of any damage in NFA stocks as well as in agricultural crops in areas directly affected by the typhoon. The NFA maintains a memorandum of agreement with local government units nationwide to undertake immediate relief operations during calamities. For more information on NFA programs, the public may send messages through the Text NFA Program via mobile number 0917-6210927.

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## NG LAM

*Peacefully joined our Lord*
*on August 25, 2005 at the age of 77.*

His loving wife **ADELINA P. ALIVARVAR**; children **ANA LISA, SUSAN, HELEN,** and relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 01, 2005. Place of interment will be announced later.

*"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* John 14:6

## FERNANDO G. DE JESUS

of Tarlac City
Former Board Member, Province of Tarlac

*Peacefully joined his Creator on*
*August 25, 2005 at the age of 92.*

His family and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies at the family residence
in Barangay Carangian, Tarlac City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 31, 2005
at Tarlac Civil Cemetery after
the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Necrological services at his residence.

We design obit for free.

*In Memory of*

**LTC NICANOR JULIUS A. ABAD**
**PROF**
PMA Class of 1979
Head, Department of Humanities, PMA
of Antipolo, Rizal
26 July 1954 to August 11, 2005

He is survived by his wife, **LTC ZENAIDA C. ABAD NC**, and son **Joseph Angelo.**

From: The officers, cadets, civilian instructors, enlisted personnel and employees of the Philippine Military Academy

**In Loving Memory**
on his 12th Death Anniversary of
**ROQUE "tete" VAÑO ESCAÑO**
of Malitbog, Leyte & Cagayan de Oro

Who died in the grace of our Lord on August 28, 1993. Holy Masses will be offered today, Sunday, August 28, 2005 at the following churches:

| | |
|---|---|
| GREENHILLS MEMORIAL PARK - | 4:00 p.m. |
| SAN VICENTE FERRER, Cugman - | 6:00 a.m. |
| SAN ISIDRO LABRADOR, Gusa - | 6:00 a.m. |
| OUR LADY OF FATIMA, Camaman-an - | 6:00 a.m. |
| SACRED HEART PARISH, Recto Avenue - | 5:30 p.m. |
| OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, Carmen - | 6:00 a.m. |
| ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL | 5:30 p.m. |
| SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA, Nazareth - | 6:00 a.m. |
| STO. NIÑO PARISH, Cogon | 6:00 a.m. |
| IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Bulua - | 6:00 a.m. |
| CARMELITE MONASTERY, Camaman-an | 6:00 a.m. |
| CARMELITE MONASTERY, Bukidnon - | 6:00 a.m. |

The RIA (Roque, Isidro, Asuncion) HOJAS ESCAÑO FOUNDATION, INC. Board of Trustees, Officers, and staff, relatives and friends request the pious readers to remember ROQUE in their prayers.

## BONIFACIO LABADO RAMO

**of Tacloban City, Leyte**

*Peacefully joined his Creator*
*on 25 August 2005 at the age of 79.*

He was a faithful husband to **Trinidad** (†) and a loving father to **Yolanda, Fernando** (†), **Priscila, Bonifacio Jr., Trinidad, Felicisimo, Stephen, Andrew** and **Noel.**

His remains lie in state at the Dao Chapel, Funeraria Paz (Manila Memorial Park), Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Daily novena and Masses will be held at 7:30 p.m. His cremation will be on Thursday, 1 September 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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— 2 Corinthians 5:8

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We wish to express our deep appreciation for your kindness and compassion in our hour of loss and grief. Your thoughts are one of the noblest that thrilled the human in us.
We can never forget the climax of our bereavement. Thank you for your prayers and support that had taken us up safely over the slough of sorrows and difficulty.

Sincerely,

The family of the late
**DANIEL QUEVEDO PEÑA**
(December 3, 1934-August 17, 2005)

## HILARION SALITA UY

Died on August 22, 2005

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 30, 2005, 11:00 a.m. at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

### Death Notices

**Lolita B. Orqueza**
Died last Auust 26, 2005

Her body lies at the Funeraria Paz, Quezon City
Interment will be announced later.

— oOo —

**Rosa Balagat Sison**
August 24, 2005, age 84

Her remains lie in state at the family residence in Brgy. Cabinuagan, Mabini, Pangasinan and will be interred today, August 28 at the Mabini Catholic Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

***Public is hereby noticed that the following personnel are no longer connected with WaterCare Marketing, (Phils.) effective on the indicated date.***

1. Ma. Celina Katimbang – April 24, 2005
2. Reynaldo Balenia – May 16, 2005
3. Orlando Ozaeta – June 04, 2005
4. Ma. Cristina Longay – July 03, 2005
5. Teresita Montoya - July 16, 2005
6. Doroteo dela Vega Jr. – July 26, 2005
7. Milagros Gomez – August 01, 2005
8. Othello Fuentes – August 15, 2005
9. Ismael Longay – August 15, 2005

***Any transaction entered by them in behalf of the company will not be honored.***

(PDI- Aug. 28, 2005)

Bicol University
Legazpi City

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The *BICOL UNIVERSITY*, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract.

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of Contract | **THREE STOREY COMMERCIAL-EDUCATIONAL BUILDING, PHASE II, (BU ARCADE)** |
| Location | Rizal Street, Daraga, Albay |
| Brief Description | The items of work include mobilization, siteworks, concrete and steel works, masonry works, plumbing works, electrical works, equipment rental, layouting, forms and scaffolding work |
| Approved Budget For the Contract (ABC) | *Php9,650,000.00* |
| Contract Duration | 200 c d |
| Source of Fund | Fund 164 |

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

| | *BAC Activities* | *Schedule* |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility | August 29, 2005-September 11, 2005 |
| 2. | Issuance of Eligibility Forms | August 29, 2005-September 12, 2005 |
| 3 | Receipt of Eligibility Requirements | August 30, 2005-September 14, 2005 |
| 4. | Last day of Eligibility Requirements | September 14, 2005, 9:00 A.M. |
| 5. | Date of Opening of Eligibility Requirements | September 14, 2005, 9:00 A.M. |
| 6. | Notice of Results of Eligibility Check | September 14, 2005 |
| 7. | Issuance of Bid Documents | September 14, 2005-September 19, 2005 |
| 8. | Pre Bid Conference | September 19, 2005 |
| 9. | Receipt and Opening of Bids | October 5, 2005, 9:00 A.M. |

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at *BAC Office, Zonal Center, 2/F MP Bldg., Bicol University, Legazpi City* upon their submission of a LOI, and upon their payment of a non-refundable amount of *Php100.00* to the *Bicol University Cashier*. Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of *Php12,500.00* to the *Bicol University* Cashier.

The *Bicol University* assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The Bicol University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) DR. OFELIA S. VEGA
BAC Chairman

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# LEST WE FORGET

*IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER AND 27 FALLEN COMRADES*

# DEVER GARCIA ALEJANDRO

*APRIL 06, 1922 – AUGUST 30, 1944*

## ON THEIR 61st DEATH ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 30, 2005

We, his brothers and sisters **Dr. Eliza A. Pascual, M.D., Denny G. Alejandro (†), Consuelo A. Catindig, Dr. Norma A. Maloney, Ph.D., Benny G. Alejandro, Dr. Reynaldo G. Alejandro, J.S.D.** and **Roy G. Alejandro**; brothers- and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, fondly remember and honor his memory with pride and with sadness.

At the young age of 19 years, our beloved brother Dever fought in Bataan against the rampaging Imperial Japanese forces in late December 1941 to April 9, 1942, as a volunteer with the U.P. ROTC contingent integrated with the embattled USAFFE forces in the beleaguered peninsula. He endured the brutal Death March and survived the unspeakable horrors of POW captivity at Camp O' Donnell, Capas, Tarlac.

Sometime in January 1944, Dever joined a clandestine underground unit operating in Manila, was subsequently arrested in April 1944 by the dreaded Japanese Kempetai Military Police and incarcerated at notorious Fort Santiago. After horrible months of indescribable torture and pain, Dever together with his underground comrades were summarily tried by Japanese Military Court, were sentenced to death and transferred to Old Bilibid Prison (Manila) to await execution.

At dawn in the early morning of August 30, 1944 Dever and his 27 comrades, weak and famished, were trucked to the North Cemetery, Manila. Blindfolded and with hands tied behind their backs, in three's and four's, they were mercilessly beheaded by the infamous samurai swords wielded by their barbaric Kempetai executioners.

### MEMORARE

"To the memory of those bravemen and women who undefeated in defeat carried on the fight after the fall of Bataan. To those who while not bearing arms organized and assisted the Philippine Resistance and who in so doing laid down their lives so that we might live, and particularly to those herein named who in the morning of August 30, 1944 were executed by the Japanese Army for their fearlessness, invincibility and extraordinary valor, this Memorial is proudly dedicated."

### ROSTER OF 28 HEROES OF THE RESISTANCE

Thomas Acop, Col. Manuel Atanasio, Dever G. Alejandro, Jose Ma. Alvarez, Leandro Alvarez, Manuel Arguilla, William Arthur, _____ Banales, Juan Miguel Elizalde, Col. Manuel Enriquez, Lt. Vicente Gepte, Emilio Grupe, Henry de Lara, Francisco de Leon, Virgilio Lobregat, Gregorio Magat, Jose Mañosa, Capt. Antonio Montalban, Tom Meyers, Lt. Col. Jose Ozamiz, Cirilo Perez, Enrico Pirovano, Luis Pulido, Nestor Reynoso, Vicente L. Reyes, Rafael R. Roces, Jr., Gregorio O. Soriano and Lt. Rodolfo R. Yap.

**Their glorious names are commemorated in a simple memorial at the North Cemetery and likewise inscribed on a weathered metal plaque at the west rampart of Fort Santiago. We must not forget, especially in these troubled times when things look so bleak and hopeless in our public life, that our Mother Country can and did produce selfless men who know how to sacrifice, and FIGHT and DIE para sa Inang Bayan!**

## MABUHAY ANG ATING MGA MAHAL NA BAYANI

# CLASSIFIEDS

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bldg #6, San Lazaro Compound,
Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines
Tel. No. (632) 743-83-01 Local 1625/1627
E-mail Address: www.doh.gov.ph

## Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
**Republic of the Philippines**
***Department of Health***

1. The Department of Health (DOH), through the General Appropriations Act of 2005 intends to apply the sum below to payments under the contract for the following:

| Item No. | Description | ABC in Philippine Pesos | Activities | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Pre-Bid Conference | Deadline for Submission and Opening of Bids |
| 1 | Procurement of Information Technology Equipment and Peripherals (IAEB No. 2005-9-28-[10]) | 10,223,750.00 | Sept. 14, 2005 10:00 a.m. | Sept. 28, 2005 10:00 a.m. |
| 2 | Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (IAEB No. 2005-10-4[11]) | 999,000.00 | Sept. 21, 2005 10:00 a.m. | Oct. 4, 2005 10:00 a.m. |
| 3 | Printing of Various IEC Materials (IAEB No. 2005-10-5 [12]) | 3,076,500.00 | Sept. 21, 2005 1:30 p.m. | Oct. 5, 2005 1:30 p.m. |

2. The DOH now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the procurement of the above-mentioned goods. Delivery of the GOODS is required by *thirty (30) calendar days*. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organisations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement Division and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of Three Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP3,000.00) for the Procurement of I.T. Equipment and Peripherals; Five Hundred Philippine Pesos (PhP500.00) for the Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment and One Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP1,000.00) for the Printing of Various IEC Materials. Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The DOH will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties at the address below.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the following form and amount in Pesos. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

| Form of Bid Security | Minimum Amount in % of the Approved Budget for the Contract for the lot for which Bid is Submitted |
|---|---|
| Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit | One percent (1%) |
| Bank guarantee | One and a half percent (1.5%) |

8. Bid opening shall be held at the address below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
9. The *DOH* reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the Bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Central Office Bids and Awards Committee
Ground Floor, Building 6
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Telephone No.: 743-83-01 local 1625 an 1626
Telefax No.: 741-97-75

(Sgd) ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
Undersecretary of Health and
COBAC Chairperson

(PDI-August 28 & September 4, 2005)

**Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation**
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## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
## ITB NO.: 08-100-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project: Supply & Delivery of Vehicles

| LOT | Vehicle Type | Approved Budget |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ten (10) units Brand New Compact Sedan Model: 2005 M/T Gas Min. Displacement: 1,598cc, 4 Cylinder-In-Line, 16V, DOHC, WTI | Seven Million Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Pesos (P7,046,560.00) |
| 2 | Ten (10) units Brand New Mini-van Model: 2005 DSL M/T Min. Displacement: 2,494cc, 4 Cylinder-In-line, 16V, DOHC (Turbo Diesel) | Eight Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Thirty Pesos (P8,158,030.00) |

Source of Fund: Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **September 1, 2005 to September 23, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Pesos & 28/100 (Php3,523.28) for Lot 1 and Four Thousand Seventy Nine Pesos & 01/100 (Php4,079,01) for Lot 2. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

| *Activities* | *Schedule* | |
|---|---|---|
| Pre-Bid Conference | September 7, 2005 | (10am) |
| Submission of Bids | September 22, 2005 | (10am) |
| Opening of Bids | September 22, 2005 | (10 am onwards) |

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd) RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO
Chairperson, BAC 3

(PDI- August 28 & September 4, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Center for Health Development - Eastern Visayas
Government Center, Palo, Leyte

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Department of Health, Center for Health Development - Eastern Visayas has received an ODA Loan from JAPAN BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (hereinafter referred to as JBIC), for the **Help for Catubig Agricultural Assistance Project**, HCCAP, for brevity. A portion of said loan proceeds shall be applied to payments for some office supplies, medical equipment, drugs and medicines, computer, parts and supplies and motor vehicles. Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JBIC will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans".
2. JBIC requires that bidders and contractors under contracts funded with JBIC ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JBIC;
   (a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
   (b) will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by JBIC, to be awarded a contract, funded with JBIC ODA Loans if it at any times determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt of fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract funded with JBIC ODA Loans or other Japanese ODA.
3. The DOH-CHD-Eastern Visayas, now invites sealed bids for eligible bidders for the supply of the Office Supplies, Housekeeping Supplies, Medicines, Electrical, Computer and Parts and Supplies, Medical, Malacological, Diagnostic and Laboratory Supplies and Tools for the purpose of the Project.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the Department of Health, Center for Health Development - Eastern Visayas, Government Center, Palo, Leyte.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable **fee of P300** for each package/category of goods. The goods to be procured are classified under the following packages, as follows:
   A. Office Supplies
   B. Medical/Laboratory/Dental Supplies
   C. House Keeping Supplies
   D. Electrical/Computer, Parts and Supplies and Tools
   E. Motor vehicles, spare parts and tools.

   Interested bidders may bid for one, two or all of the packages/categories.
6. Pre-bid conference will be held on **September 5, 2005 at 2:00 PM** at the CHD Conference Room.
7. The estimated date of award is October 24, 2005.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two percent (2%) of Total Bid Price, in Philippine currency and must be delivered in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders on September 16, 2005 at 2:00 PM and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter at the DOH-CHD-EV Conference Room.

The Department of Health, Center for Health Development - Eastern Visayas will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

For further details you may contact the **Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee at Tel. No. 323-5044** or the **BAC Secretary** at Tel. No. 323-5025 during office hours. Also please visit CHD-EV Website (www.chd8.doh.gov.ph) for a complete listing of the goods and vehicles to be procured.

(Sgd.) BENITA NAVARES-PASTOR, M.D., M.H.A.
OIC, Director IV
Head of Procuring Company

(Sgd.) PAULA PAZ M. SYDIONGCO, M.D., M.P.H
BAC Chairperson

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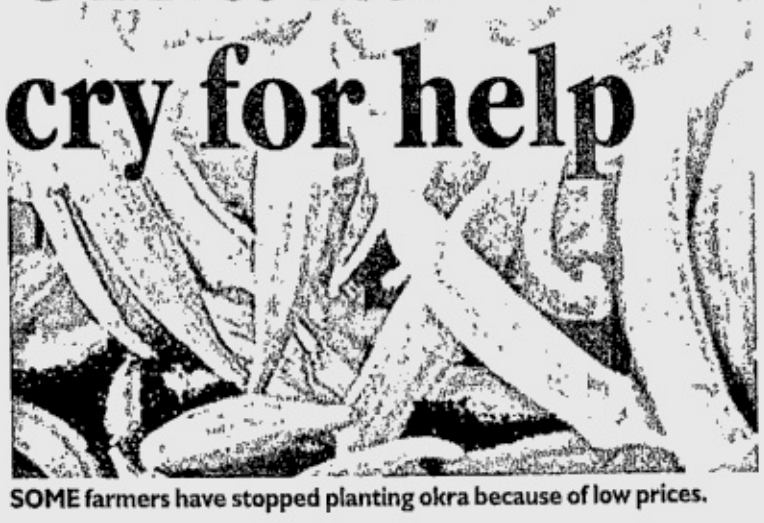
# Okra farmers cry for help



SOME farmers have stopped planting okra because of low prices.

By Russell Arador
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

TARLAC CITY—In two months, Numeriano Bagtas of Barangay San Manuel here earned an income of close to P50,000 when he planted *okra* on half of his one-hectare farmland in 2003.

This was a far cry from what he was getting from planting rice, he says.

Late last year, however, the 64-year-old farmer's luck did not hold. He merely broke even after agricultural exporters bought less than half of his total harvests of about 800 boxes of fresh okra pods.

He was not alone, though.

Arsenio Beltran, 59, chair of the Tarlac Okra Growers Cooperative, says hundreds of farmers are still reeling from their experience last year when 20 of every 40 boxes of okra pods they had produced were destroyed because exporters refused to buy them.

A box contains 320 pieces of large-size okra pods or 400 pieces of medium-size okra pods.

Beltran says the farmers were caught unaware when exporters suddenly imposed quotas on the volume of their purchases.

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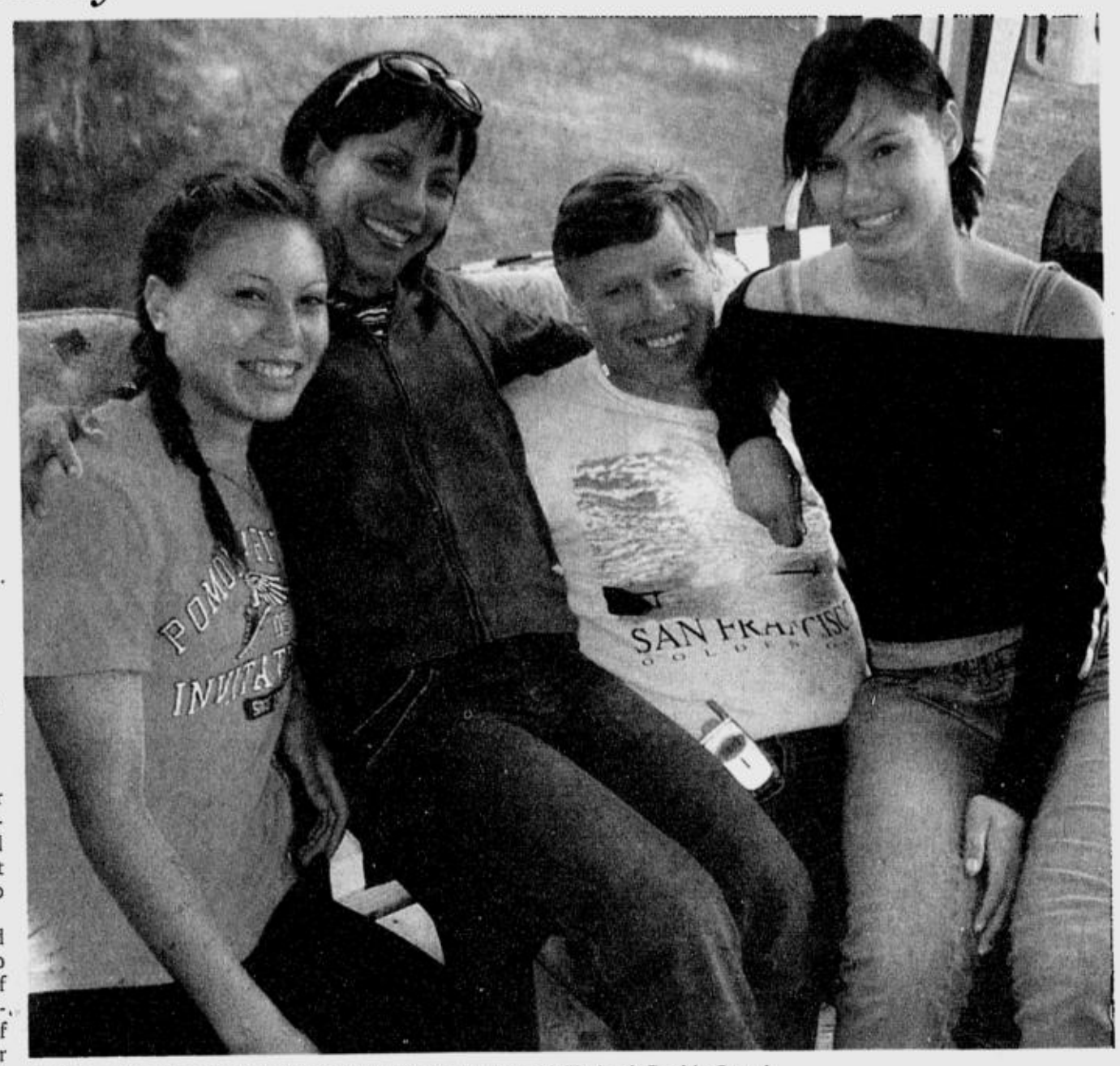
# A Cinderella tale

## In 'The Tale of Juliet,' an OFW relates how she found her happily-ever-after



JHET Torcelino-Van Ruyven with her family, taken on June 20 (Father's Day) in Canada

By Cathy S. Babao Guballa
*Contributor*

*"It is confidence in our bodies, minds and spirits that allow us to keep looking for new adventures, new directions to grow in, and new lessons to learn—which is what life is all about."*—**Oprah Winfrey**

SHE was born and raised in one of the poorest areas of Batangas, in a small town called Pader. At age seven, Juliet "Jhet" Torcelino-Van Ruyven would sell fruits, vegetables and candies to tourists on Matabungkay Beach.

Jhet was blessed with brains, a determined spirit and the love of her Tatay and Nanay, and believed that, in spite of abject poverty, she would someday make it in the world.

"I had always dreamed of having a successful business and a big house by the sea," she says.

Scholarships sent her through elementary and high school, and a kind priest helped get her into a short vocational course at La Concordia College in Manila.

After a brief stint as a medical secretary at Cardinal Santos Medical Center, a period in her life where she got her heart broken into bits and pieces, she moved to Yemen to work as a secretary in a hospital. It was there that she met her prince—Ted Van Ruyven, an expat working as an engineer in Yemen.

He married her in Manila, took her home to Holland, and thereafter brought her to Canada where she now lives with her two daughters, Michelle and Catherine, and where she runs a small but successful print graphics company called Digi-Print Graphics Plus. The family lives in a big house by the sea.

### Self-help book

That, in a nutshell, is the story of Jhet, who came home last month to share her story through "The Tale of Juliet," an autobiographical self-help book launched at Le Soufflé at the Rockwell Club and at FullyBooked at the Power Plant on two separate occasions in August.

Torcelino-Van Ruyven's story would certainly inspire legions of OFWs who seek greener pastures overseas. Of course, not everyone gets a happy ending, but "The Tale of Juliet" is one of faith, hope against all odds, and a clear example of how God works and intervenes at crucial points in one's life journey.

The book is simply written and filled with the wisdom of one who has known what it was to be dirt-poor and yet not be disillusioned.

Over lunch one afternoon, I ask Jhet what she thinks were the essential character traits she had that helped her find her happy ending.

"First of all, there is faith. I know that I have been guided every step of the way. Divine intervention has really helped me get to where I am. When I got my heart badly broken, I had no one to turn to but God. My pain was what propelled me to seek greener pastures. Many years down the road, I can now say with conviction that everything really happens for a reason and we only need to trust the Lord completely," she shares.

In the book, she explains this even more eloquently: "I have found that it is not what happens to us that matters most, but what we do about it that is really important. When times were tough for me, I simply rested a while, and then I did my best to keep moving forward, one step at a time. God may be trying to teach you through painful experiences."

### Success formula

Jhet also attributes her immense desire to help improve her state in life and uplift the lives of her parents and siblings as part of her "success formula." Integrity is another trait she feels helped her surmount many obstacles in life.

"Honesty will always carry you through no matter your state in life is," she says. And hand in hand with honesty comes courage. "You must always have the courage to grab opportunities and allow yourself to be guided by God.

"God shows us the opportunities, and we take it from there. When an amazing opportunity is presented to you, do what you need to do to make it a reality. Take immediate action. That is how I have gotten thus far in my life," she adds.

Lastly, Jhet credits her determination and commitment to succeed to her personal success story. "I always keep my eye on the goal no matter what. And I've always had a vision."

Perhaps it also helps that Jhet seems to be the type of person who constantly reinvents herself, and, because of her humble background, is imbued with a desire to constantly give back.

"I want to tell people that what matters most is not the wealth you accumulate, but rather the number of people you have helped while you are serving your time here on earth. Money does not really excite me on its own. What stimulates me the most is what I can share with others if I have the means with which to do it. And this is what I want to do with 'The Tale of Juliet'—to inspire individuals to live to their highest potential and live their life to the fullest," she says.

"I am so thankful that I had that humbling experience as a child, so that I now know that the power of prayer, the strength of vision, a burning desire and unwavering determination can change the course of one's life."

In spite of the many horror stories and the sad fate of many OFWs, Jhet's story only goes to show that yes, happily-ever-afters can still happen.

*"The Tale of Juliet" is available at Fully Booked at the PowerPlant and at Le Soufflé at the Rockwell Club.*

# Too old to get a job?

**EMILY'S POST**

*Emily A. Marcel*

**DEAR Emily,**

**I am 39 years old, married to a seaman, and have three kids (a boy in third-year high school and twin girls in Grade 3). All of them are honor students. My husband is a good, loving provider and a good father.**

**When I gave birth to the twins, I decided to quit my job as a department head in a department store. One of the twins had a heart problem which, thankfully, had been cured.**

**It has been nine years now since I became a full-time housewife. I did all the chores with no househelp and had no time for recreation or self-improvement. My husband did not want a househelp and wanted me to personally look after the kids. I always check their notes and help them review for tests. Their honors are mine, too.**

**Two years ago, I reunited with four of my buddies in high school. All of them have successful careers. Not one among them stopped working after marriage. They were able to combine career and motherhood because they had household help.**

**Now that the kids are older and don't need me for everything, my husband has allowed me to look for a job. We have bills and other obligations to pay and I worry about the kids' tuition especially when they reach college.**

**My problem is I am afraid to look for a job because I am now overage and I was not able to upgrade my skills or take some short courses. Plus, I don't know what to do exactly. Should I take some education units so I can teach? But I don't have the extra money for that.**

**Should I study meat processing with TLRC (Technology and Livelihood Resource Center) and engage in a business? But selling is not my forte. Should I accept even a secretarial position? But isn't that embarrassing for me?**

**I have not discussed this with my buddies because I am ashamed. Their impression of me is a happy and content mom.**

**STRESSED MOM**

Why should you allow other people's opinions to shape your life? Do these people support you? Are you indebted to them for the air you breathe? Remind yourself you are not Ms Perfect so you won't have to live up to their expectations.

You said you're overage. At 39? Do you or don't you really need a job? If you just want to have that extra money for gigs and gimmicks for your family, then you might have reason to worry about what your friends will think of you. But if you really need the extra income, then forget about what the world thinks—just get a job!

Having no money to go back to school could be a problem, but it is not a dead end. Borrow from friends or tell the school registrar your situation. Some schools offer different payment options.

I don't think your heart is into starting a business—really. You've already closed your mind just by saying you're "not good" at it, so perish the thought. You've already broken your legs even before the marathon has started!

How do you know you can't do it? Have you had a lot of failures already? Ask friends who have succeeded in that trade. Some might even hold your hand and walk you through the process.

But the most telling part of your indecision is your attitude towards doing secretarial work. Why should that be embarrassing? Do you find the position lowly, considering you were a department head before? Or are you just embarrassed because of your age?

If your mind is already flip-flopping this early and you have no clear view of what you want—how then will the heavens help you? The No. 1 thing you must do to get the things you want in life is to decide what you want—first and foremost!

What are you good at? Talking? Writing? Working with your hands? Then do everything in your power to go for it! Doesn't matter if you sell fish balls at your front door or run a laundromat by the corner, whatever—set your mind to it. Believe in the saying "if you can think it, you can do it." Because you really can.

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# Lipa expects thousands for Holy Name of Mary feast

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*Josephine Darang*

THOUSANDS of people are expected to join the national pilgrimage on Sept. 12 to the Carmelite monastery in Lipa, Batangas where the Virgin Mary was reported to have appeared to the young postulant Teresita Castillo in 1948.

On that day, feast of the Holy Name of Mary, pilgrims will attend the Concelebrated High Mass at 4:30 p.m. to be officiated by Ricardo Cardinal Vidal with Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, Pampanga Archbishop Ponciano Aniceto and priests as co-celebrants. A vigil will be held the night before at the San Sebastian Cathedral.

The event marks the Eucharistic Marian Year. At 5 a.m., there will be a procession to the Carmelite Convent from the Lipa Cathedral. The Holy Rosary will be recited at 8 a.m. followed by a talk by Fr. Melvin Castro on the Lipa apparition.

Other speakers are Bishop Guillermo Afable on Marian apparitions and their implications, Archbishop Lagdameo on the Marian title, "Mediatrix of all Grace," and Bishop Camilo Gregorio on Consecration to Mary.

At 3:45 p.m., Archbishop Lagdameo will lead the "Montfortian Consecration to Mary," aired nationwide through Radio Maria and Radio Veritas.

Marinel Magalona, head of the Crusaders of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Oton, Iloilo; and Nieves Puyod of the Friends of Mary Mediatrix in Davao, are inviting parishes to unite in spirit for the Consecration to Our Lady Mediatrix of all Grace. Parishes can send a text message to 0920-9505053 or 0917-3384441; or call 033-3361459 for 18" x 24" photos of the Virgin.

Donations are needed for the printing and mailing of photographs. Text Fr. Melvin Castro at 0917-7940935 or deposit to his account at Metro Bank: Acct. No. 1023-102-285361.

### Apparition

Dr. Francisco Villanueva, Jr., in his book "Wonders of Lipa" written in 1949, recounts what happened on Sept. 12, 1948 through the testimony of then Mother Superior, Mary Cecilia of Jesus, to Msgr. Alfredo Versosa, bishop of Lipa.

"On Sept. 12, Sunday, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, at about 5 p.m., a sister who was taking a walk in the garden suddenly remarked that a vine shook (attracting) her attention. She... heard a woman's gentle voice that said, 'Fear not, my child. Kiss the ground. Whatever I shall tell you to do, you must do. For 15 consecutive days come to visit me here in this spot. Eat some grass, my child.' The sister did not see anyone, she only heard the voice.

SISTER Teresita Castillo

"Next day... the sister returned to the place... knelt and recited the Hail Mary. She had reached the words 'full of Grace' when (the vine moved again) and... she saw a beautiful lady with her hands clasped on her breast, a golden rosary hanging on her right hand. She was stooping slightly, her dress was pure white, simple, held at the waist by a narrow cloth belt. Her feet were bare and resting on clouds, which were about two feet high from the ground. Her face of indescribable beauty was radiant. She was smiling. 'Be faithful to come here, be it rain or sunshine,' she said... Then the sister asked... 'Beautiful lady, who are you?' 'I am thy mother, my little one.' And having said this she vanished."

On Sept. 16, 1948, she told Teresita she wanted her statue placed where she appeared. At the end of the 15 days, Our Lady said: "I am Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace."

Although veneration of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Grace was permitted by Bishop Verzosa, the Philippine church hierarchy declared in 1951 that "there was no supernatural intervention in the reported extraordinary happenings including the shower of rose petals in Lipa." Bishop Rufino Santos, who became apostolic administrator after Bishop Verzosa, ordered that 1) no petals be given to anyone by the Lipa Carmelite community; and 2) the statue of Our Lady of Mediatrix be withdrawn from public view.

But Mother Mary Cecilia never forgot. She asked her superior, Mother Mary Aimee, permission "to go" (to die) to hasten the cause of Our Lady and was told to go ahead. Within a few days, Heaven seemed to have accepted her proposition that, in exchange for her life, the cause of Our Lady would go forward.

In 1992, Msgr. Mariano Gaviola, archbishop of Lipa, granted permission to display again the image of the Mediatrix of all Grace. In 1993, he declared his personal conviction that the Lipa apparitions were worthy of belief.

Since then, pilgrims went to the Carmelite Monastery every year, especially on the first Saturday of the month when healing takes place after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Although there is no official recognition of the apparitions by the Philippine Church, Archbishop Arguelles has declared he always believed they were true when he was a seminarian, a priest and now an archbishop. He says: "I always find solace, peace and strength praying before Our Lady's image. I always entrust to her my mission and my problems. But I will never question the decision made by the official Church regarding the matter."

### Miraculous medal

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will mark the silver anniversary of the dedication of the shrine on Sept. 7, with a High Mass at 6 p.m. On Sept. 5, at 6 p.m., Fr. Diwane Cacno will hold a healing Mass.

### St. Augustine

The image of St. Augustine in his church in Pulong Cacutod, Angeles, Pampanga, is believed to be growing. Dom Martin de Jesus Gomez remembers that a replica image of St. Augustine was donated to the old chapel by his grandmother, Doña, Maria Paras de Hizon, mother of Eloisa Hizon Gomez. The chapel is now a big church, with Fr. Alvin Manalang as parish priest.

# GLAXOSMITHKLINE LAUNCHES FAMILY VACCINES

When illness strikes, it does not make any distinction between men, women or children. The moment a family member suffers from a disease, others get affected in more ways than one, especially if the disease is contagious and could be passed on to others. What's more, illness can also put a strain on the family's finances, as money meant for other basic necessities such as food, clothing and education, will have to be spent on treatment and medication or in worse cases, hospitalization.

Preventing disease is therefore important, and a way to do this is through vaccination, widely acknowledged as an effective prevention measure that has saved millions of lives, particularly those of infants and children. GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), a leading research-based pharmaceutical company, has launched the GSK Family Vaccines, a new concept that aims to engage and educate both doctors and families about the need to protect families from preventable diseases through vaccination.

Under the GSK Family Vaccines Program, quality vaccines as well as educational materials on immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases are made available to the health-conscious public. Clinics and hospitals nationwide will provide information on appropriate vaccines for each family member. Families are encouraged to consult with their doctors about vaccines that are appropriate for their age and lifestyle.

According to Dr. Derrick Sim, Regional Manager Medical Affairs – Vaccines, the GSK Family Vaccines Program is the company's response to ensure that Filipinos are protected from vaccine-preventable illnesses through safe and effective vaccines. "People think vaccination is only for children, not realizing that adults, as much as children, need protection from such diseases as chicken pox, hepatitis A & B, influenza, polio, measles and others that can be contracted by anyone regardless of age. In fact some of these infections, such as chicken pox and hepatitis A, often cause more severe disease in adults compared to children," Dr. Sim said.

"As a leading vaccine manufacturer, GSK is committed not only to provide trusted, quality vaccines, but also to facilitate continuing medical education for doctors regarding vaccination, so that they are better able to protect their patients and their families against infectious diseases. By keeping abreast of developments in the rapidly growing preventative health field, doctors will be better able to prevent disease and keep families well. Optimizing health and well-being is a priority for most Filipino families nowadays, and vaccines offer both adults and children the opportunity to do so," Dr. Sim added.

The GSK Family Vaccines program offers a wide range of vaccines for both adults and children, including vaccines for hepatitis B, influenza, hepatitis A, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella, typhoid, and chicken pox.

For infants and toddlers, the line-up of vaccines include a variety of vaccines, including combination vaccines, to protect against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, haemophilus influenza type B or Hib and polio.

Through the GSK Family Vaccines program, Filipinos are given the option to protect themselves from communicable diseases through quality, research-based vaccines that have been proven safe and effective through rigorous processes and numerous clinical trials. Families may confidently approach their doctors to obtain information about the benefits of vaccination and what vaccines are appropriate for each member of the family.

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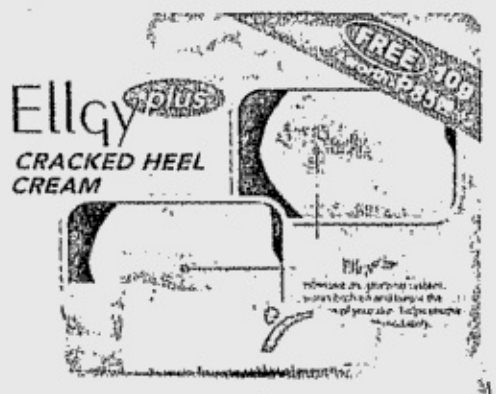


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# RP branches of British preschool open

TUMBLE Tots, a leading British preschool with over 1,000 centers worldwide, is now in Manila and Davao City.

The school's Gymbabes classes were designed to help children, starting at six months old and up to the walking stage, to gain knowledge and build self-confidence.

Joji Ilagan Bian, president of Tumble Tots Philippine Franchise, said Gymbabes classes supported infant development. Teachers were specially trained to handle such classes using Tumble Tots' curriculum and play equipment.

The Tumble Tots Gymbabes class will develop a child's thinking and communication skills and nurture his/her physical development by introducing him/her to a stimulating, tactile, new world of sensations.

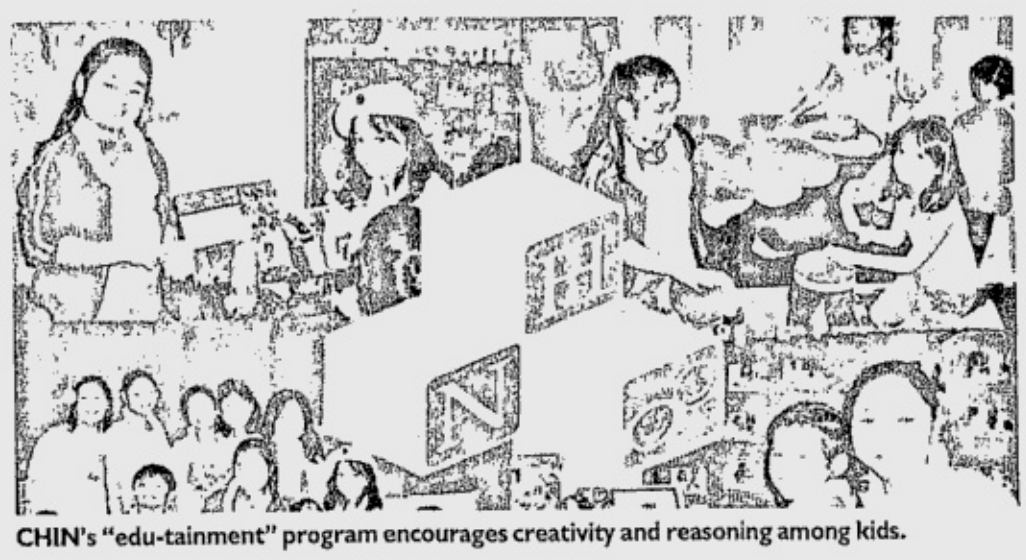
Dyan Joyce Cortez, school director for Tumble Tots-Philippines, said infants learned best through tactile, movement and active play activities that allowed them to explore and learn about the world around them.

Children developed thinking and problem-solving skills as they tried different actions. Movement also helped children put their ideas into action to accomplish a goal.

The knowledge, skills and self-confidence a child gained as an infant were the building blocks for school success.

When children believe in themselves and feel competent, they were more willing to take on new challenges. Self-confidence was also crucial for getting along with others and working out many social challenges that children faced in schools.

Tumble Tots is now offering free trial sessions. Call 6876793, 6876375 or 0917-7010097 or visit G/F Technoplaza One, Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. Tumble Tots, Davao, can be contacted at 0917-7040487, 0920-9510804, 2275602 or 2263783.



CHIN's "edu-tainment" program encourages creativity and reasoning among kids.

# School offers 'edu-tainment'

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CHINS, which accepts children aged 6 months to 6 years, also combines education and entertainment. Its "edu-tainment" program encourages a child to have hands-on experience and explore his/her creativity and reasoning.

During its CHINS Up Summer Fun Program, students were encouraged to explore different facets of their talents, personalities and intellect. The kids participated in various activities designed to stimulate their different senses. Programs included Kids Cuisine, Kids Artsy, Kids Onstage, Young Scribblers, and Young Explorers.

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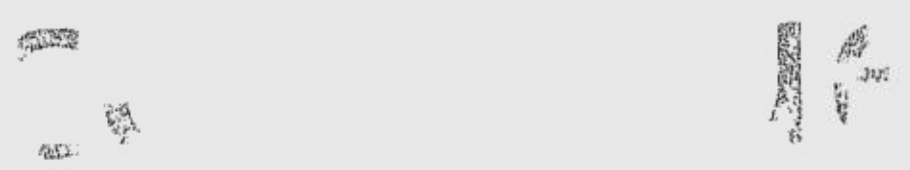

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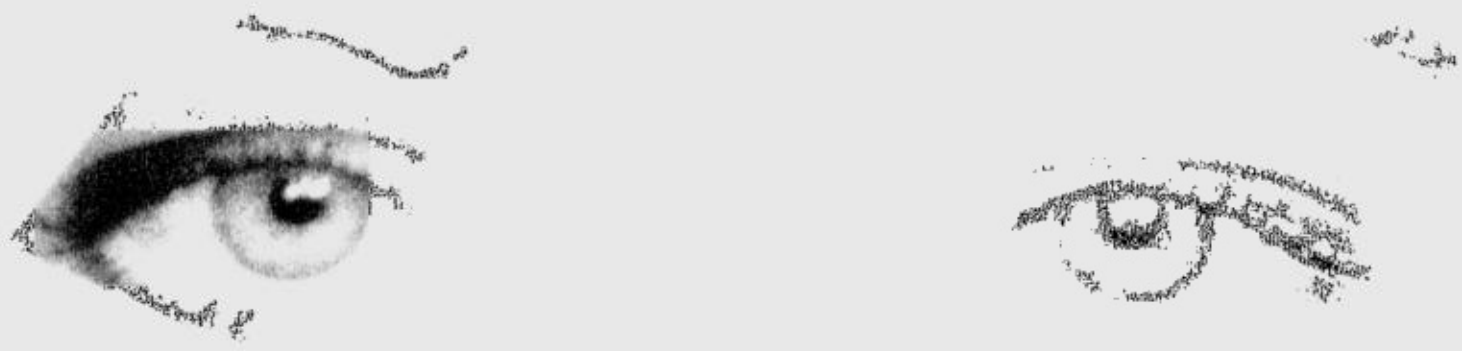

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# Beans, leaves and a whole latte things going on

## The Bean is giving the world gourmet choices of caffeine fixes

**Text and photos by Chelo Banal-Formoso**

WHAT motivates everyone at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf—from the Singapore-based CEO who flies into Los Angeles just to greet a small bunch of Filipino journalists to the young order takers at any Bean store?

Quite obviously, they're running on much more than just caffeine. Chief operating officer Melvin Elias calls it passion and that must be it, the magical ingredient blended into their mission and vision statement and strongly flavoring their work ethic. In fact, when you talk to Bean executives and employees, you realize that after "coffee" and "tea," "passion" is their favorite word.

Their cup runneth over with passion because, although they've had a good headstart in coffee retailing over their competitors in Southern California, they find themselves playing catch-up in the rest of the world.

As early as 1963, Herbert and Mona Hyman founded the company as a coffee importer and roaster. When the giant specialty coffee chain Starbucks started changing the landscape by opening a store in every corner (okay, every other corner), the Coffee Bean owners realized they could have been charging for the cups of java their customers had been drinking while waiting in the Brentwood, California store for their bags of fresh roasted beans to take home for brewing. So the Hymans decided to ride the Starbucks trend and, with their deep understanding of the California market, succeeded in serving brewed and specially concocted coffee and tea drinks, eventually opening stores in other cities and franchising outside the US.

"The specialty coffee market is so big we can all enjoy it," said Sunny Sassoon who, with his brother Victor and business partner Severin Wunderman, negotiated for the right to the Asian franchise market in 1996. He must know whereof he speaks because within two years, from their unlikely base in Singapore, they not only opened 29 stores but also bought the entire Coffee Bean operation—lock, stock and crates.

Today International Coffee & Tea LLC has a roasting and distribution facility in Camarillo, a bakery, wholly-owned stores in Greater Los Angeles, Nevada, Arizona, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as franchised stores all over Asia and the Middle East, including the eight Coffee Beans stores in the Philippines owned and managed by Walden Chu and his partners.

Perhaps because of its history in LA, loyalty is something that the Bean gets aplenty from its interesting mix of customers there, including the average Joe who stops by every morning for a cuppa and the Hollywood star seeking refuge from the adoring public.

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**PAOLO del Rosario (left) and Melvin Chu (right) with Coffee Bean CEO Sunny Sassoon**

Its unique concoction has made Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf the tea drinker's best friend

# Chai, chai, chai

**By Chelo Banal-Formoso**

ONE of these days, I'm going to have to turn in Walden Chu and Paolo Del Rosario. These guys are partners in the crime of getting me hooked on Chai Latte.

First, they flew me and three other editors to Los Angeles for behind-the-scene access to the specialty coffee chain Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. They then took us to one Bean store after another within the glossy mile radius of Hollywood. At the first store, Walden asked what each of us wanted to drink. Tea, I said. With a glint of excitement in his young eyes he said, "You must try our Chai Latte!" Paolo just stood there with his disarming smile and didn't even bother to warn me about this drink that would put a dent in my budget from hereon.

For those of you who don't know yet that sipping tea is now a lifestyle choice, hot on the heels of the designer coffee rage, Chai Latte is a beverage concocted by Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf out of tea, vanilla powder and milk.

Chai is a blend of 16 different teas and Indian aromatic spices like cinnamon, clove and cardamom. The gourmet vanilla powder, branded French Deluxe, is an original Bean recipe. The milk is steamed and sweetened and, no small miracle, low fat (if you prefer, the *barista* can make it with soy milk).

### Dreamy fix

The instant I tasted Chai Latte I wondered why in heaven's name I had been drinking pots of boring tea all these years. Since that LA trip I've been stopping to get my daily dose of Chai at either the Eastwood or Greenbelt 3 branch of Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. When they hand me my Chai Latte in a tall, clear mug, there's always a dollop of foam on top that makes it look so tempting and so rich that I know if I only follow the steam rising from my latte it will lead me to the moon or some such dreamy place where there are no bills and deadlines.

Often though I order my latte to-go and, believe me, you can lose your poise drinking from out of a carton cup that has a teeny-tiny opening on its lid, especially when you're all agog to take your first sip. But poise is a small price to pay for a drink that never fails to calm my stomach, especially after a heavy meal. Plus now I get to drink warm milk five days a

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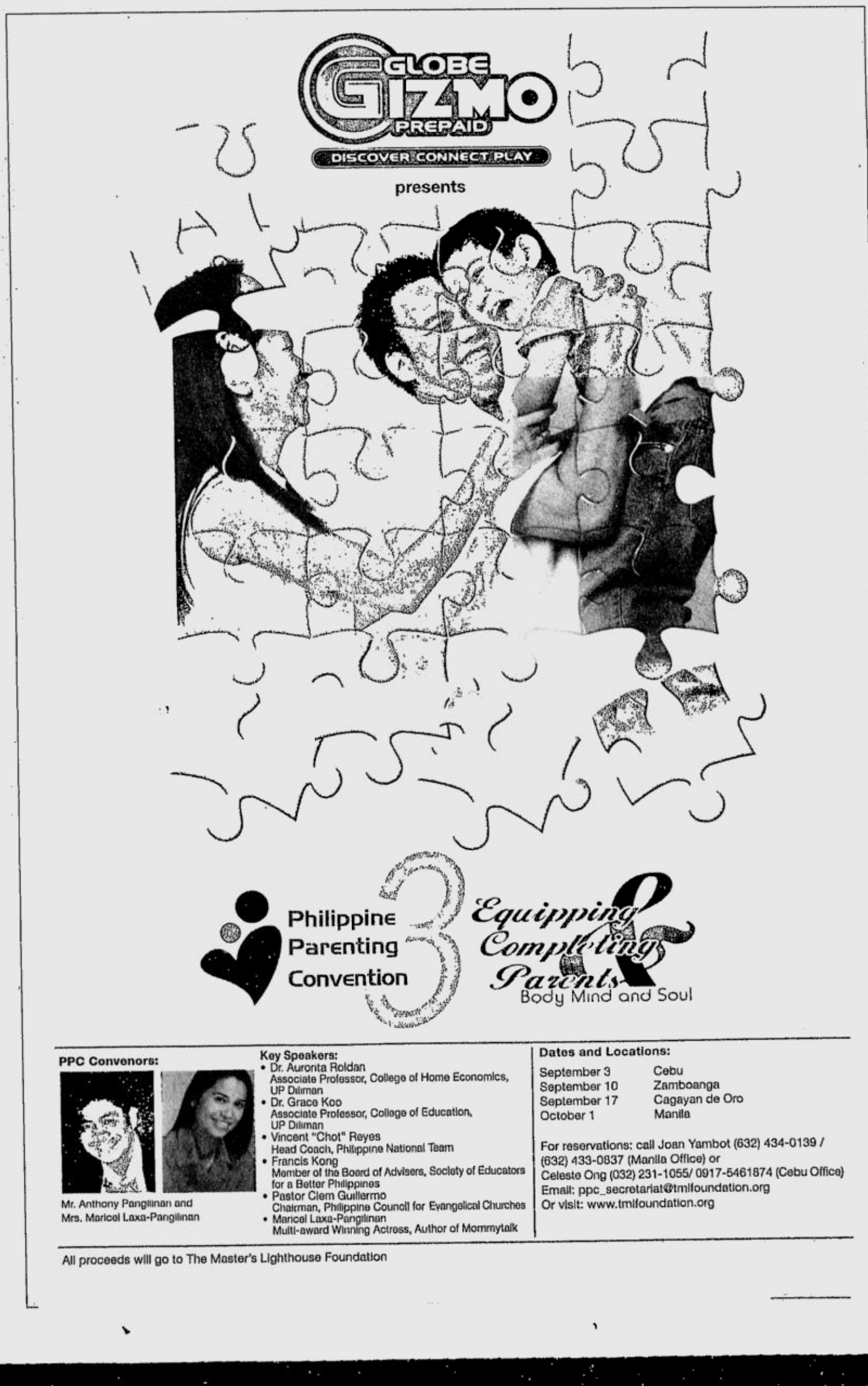


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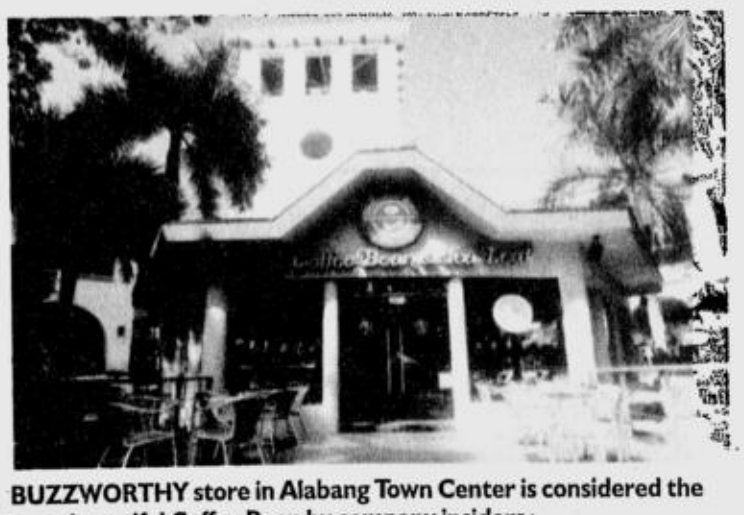

BUZZWORTHY store in Alabang Town Center is considered the most beautiful Coffee Bean by company insiders.

RUSTIC interiors and home-away-from-home ambiance lure the tweens, the yuppies and the celebrities.

HOLLYWOOD is where Coffee Bean is No. 1: It's an LA thing.

# Beans, leaves and a whole latte things going on

THE BEAN GANG'S ALL HERE. Phil Patent, Jay Isaias, David de Candia, Raychel Gomez, Jesse Martinez Beltran, Paolo Del Rosario and Walden Chu at the Camarillo, California roasting plant

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## Celebrity hangout

According to the glossies, the new-wave celebrity hangout is the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, based on sightings of Renée Zellwegger, Toby Maguire and Lara Flynn Boyle at various Hollywood branches. Hillary Duff, Ashton Kutcher, the Olsen twins and Drew Barrymore have also been paparazzi'd with a Coffee Bean cup in hand. Paris Hilton picked the Bean as one of her top 10 hot spots, along with Bungalow 8 in New York and St. Tropez in the south of France. Britney Spears reportedly thinks nothing of sending off aides on a jet plane to LA from wherever in the world she is having a concert to pick up her Ice Blended fix.

ICE BLENDED: Most delicious drink in the world

In Hollywood and everywhere else that there are Coffee Bean shops, it is cool to be seen drinking its coffee, or sipping its tea. The Bean has an image, at least in Southern California and Asia, as a gourmet java place. This may be the reason Starbucks has been observed earnestly renovating stores in cities where the Bean is actually the Johnny-come-lately. Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf must be giving the giant chain scalding hot competition even though there are only 300 plus Bean stores in the US and 14 other countries (worldwide Starbucks has 6,444 stores and counting). "It's not about how big we can get," said Elias. It's about how good we can get."

To their credit, the people at Coffee Bean know exactly what they have to be good at, if not better—product, service and ambiance. All three are covered by their catch phrase, "Simply the best."

To live up to that promise, the Bean came into the scene with buzzworthy interiors—a rustic home-away-from-home ambience, oak paneling from tea chests used to ship teas from choice plantations all over the world, all-weather Spanish rattan chairs, oak and marble tables, full window views, lighting that is soft but bright enough for reading, a well-designed space in contrast to the cheek-by-jowl seating in other cafes. The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at the Alabang Town Plaza, as an example, sits like a medieval castle in the middle of a moat. "It's our most beautiful Coffee Bean," agreed Sassoon.

Store managers, who make the day-to-day decisions, are encouraged to give incentives to any sales clerk who can resolve a customer's complaint on the spot. What is fun is they can create their own signature treats. For instance, Paolo Del Rosario, a partner in the Philippine franchise, created the Mango Ice Blended that was eventually adopted by the head company.

## Snob appeal

The Bean's snob appeal lies in its roster of not only high-grade coffees and rare teas but also new-wave concoctions. Coffee Bean was first to jazz up the java, coming up in the mid 1980s with the Vanilla Ice Blended, touted as "the most delicious drink in the world." The concoction, like its mocha variation, is made with lots of milk and attracted the young into the store, not to mention people who are not brewed coffee fans. The competition soon copied the chilled concoctions but, as they say at the Bean, "We own the market."

The company has made trailblazing a tradition, coming up with a fresh idea every so often to keep its business percolating. In the mid-1990s, it added Chai Latte to its menu and eventually offered a range of other espresso brewed tea drinks.

"A café must have more than coffee to compete," noted Chu, whose Bean stores in the Philippines carry brew-friendly dishes like Salmon Scramble as well as superior baked products. In addition, Coffee Bean stores are "hot spots," meaning their customers can get wireless Internet connection.

This is one reason the Bean appeals to yuppies—the gainfully employed and hyperactive 20-40 segment, with females outnumbering the males. When did women become such caffeine fiends? They really are not. They go to the Bean for the Chai Latte (see side story) while men are still buying the high-octane brews. Male or female, they should all be thankful that the 42-year-old company has kept its passion.

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TEA guru David de Candia: In the tea area, Coffee Bean has no competition.

# Chai, chai, chai

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week. My comfort drink has become my calcium fix, too.

To be fair to Walden and Paolo, I was too easy to woo. Tea has always been my morning pick-me-up. On the rare occasion that I'd take coffee, the beans' acidic properties just never sat well with other elements in my tummy. Other flavors that *baristas* would use to take off coffee's bitter edge never made a difference for me. And so I turned to tea.

And because I'm such a tea quaffer, I listened enrapt as David DeCandia, tea buyer, blender and guru at the Bean's Camarillo plant, explained how their tea was grown and harvested in different estates in India, Sri Lanka and China. They never buy fannings, he said. Always, it's two leaves and a bud, plucked by only women because men are heavy-handed. Then, as he brewed pots of tea for tasting, he taught us about proper steeping and serving options.

"The future is in whole leaf," he said, which means the tea industry is poised for upscale growth.

## Neglected lot

This is good news because until the Coffee Bean hit the espresso scene, tea drinkers like me had been a neglected lot. The specialty coffee chains had all kinds of exciting coffee-based hot and cold beverages for java junkies, but if you wanted tea, they gave you a cup of hot water and a tea bag. Okay, maybe you could choose from five different flavors of tea, but that was it—nothing that sounded remotely Italian, nothing that needed a crafty *barista*'s skills, nothing fabulous and frothy.

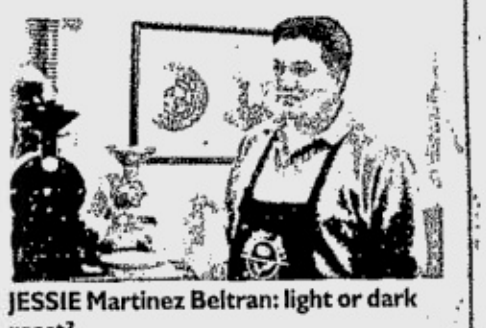
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf changed all that. Even when you order just a cup of hot tea at the Bean, you are given a tea list of 32 blends. And the tea bag at Coffee Bean is not your run-of-the-mill bag. It's a classy pyramid-shaped bag that allows whole leaves and blossoms to expand. The Bean also offers a range of tea-based beverages that are either hot or on the rocks. I'm talking exciting choices here, the kind that caffeine heads used to enjoy exclusively, smoothies like Green Tea Ice Blended, which is a pureed, iced blend of matcha green tea, vanilla flavoring with milk and Chai Ice Blended, which is also offered as a regular hot tea drink or as tea latte.

I've been doing the math. At P109 for a regular cup of Chai Latte, that's a total of P545 every work week, not counting the extra cups on weekends. In a year, even if I stay away from Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf for a couple of weeks, I'll still spend P27,250. Imagine how much more money I can enjoy in retirement if I just stick to my simple hot water and tea bag! And yet, and yet...

*Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf branches are located in Greenbelt 3, Eastwood City Walk 2, Bellagio Square, Tomas Morato, Town Plaza, Alabang Town Center; Gateway Mall, Four Seasons in Salcedo Village and Greenhills Promenade.*

RARE teas from the world's best tea gardens are reverently stored in oak hutch.

JAY ISAIAS: Arabica or robusta?



JESSIE Martinez Beltran: light or dark roast?

COFFEE Bean quality products ready for shipping out

# Over cup after cup of coffee

THE COFFEE Bean & Tea Leaf continues its proud tradition of roasting coffee beans daily at its Camarillo plant near Los Angeles. You should see the pains they take to satisfy the caffeine cravings of coffee drinkers. Before the beverage ends up in your cup it has come a long, long way.

Coffee comes from beans that are grown in the mountains of Southern Colombia, the farms of the Kona Coast, the highlands of Papua New Guinea or the foothills of Mt. Kenya—at least the beans that International Coffee & Tea purchases. After harvest, the green beans are shipped to the California plant where they go through several check points, a process no doubt more stringent than the way we elect a president in this corner of the Third World.

From each shipment, small amounts of beans are roasted manually, then grounded and finally tested for taste, aroma, acidity, body and finish, all according to very precise guidelines. If the batch passes the taste test, a process that borrows a lot from wine tasting, according to Jay Isaias, then from the ship will come the beans that the Master Roaster will be roasting daily.

The roasted beans are then packed in modern, ultra-glossy, nitrogen-flushed, one-way valve bags. In other words, bags that can keep the freshness in. The packed roasted beans are delivered everyday to the Bean stores for use in hot or cold drinks, although some bags go to supermarkets, offices and other businesses that have ordered the coffee.

## Brew of the day

The Bean runs a store special everyday on a different brew of coffee, obviously to educate the public. Same with tea. In fact, to win the bean war, the company gives its employees ongoing training on the intricate details of bean-picking, selection and roasting, even to the extent of sending some of them, like master roaster Jesus Martinez Belen, to the plantations where coffee beans are sourced.

Training is crucial to the operation because the Bean offers a wide menu. The different flavors are necessary since people come into the store at different times of the day and expect a different brew at each visit. And in a country of eternal summer like the Philippines, chilled coffee concoctions make for decidedly cool choices.

Fully half of the chain's beverage sales are iced, of which about 10 percent is iced coffee, and 40 percent is what the chain calls ice-blended coffee drinks, with fancy names like Banana Caramel, Malibu Dream, Berry'd Treasure, like that.

Espresso drinks are made of an exclusive blend of four bean varieties, each specifically roasted to provide a complex blend with a caramel-like aroma and bittersweet finish. The uninitiated would think there's no difference between a Macchiato (espresso topped with a stain of milk and a dollop of foam) and a Capuccino (espresso with steamed milk and thick rich foam), but each has its own nuances of flavor, aroma and body.

The Bean's lattes, which contain rich espresso with its very own Special Dutch chocolate or French Deluxe vanilla, steamed non-fat milk and thick foam topping, are award-winning concoctions.

For those who can't handle java jolt but want to hang out at the Bean anyway, the store offers coffee decaffeinated via the Swiss Water, which is touted as the cleanest way to wash out the caffeine.

According to Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, the biggest trends in iced coffee these days is the addition of soy milk and no-sugar sweeteners.

In all Coffee Bean stores, there are pamphlets that explain the varieties of coffee, their origins, the growing styles of the source countries, how the company helps farmers and their families by building schools and community centers—all kinds of information that give people a sense of what they're buying.

Sure, it's only coffee and not a college education plan that requires an informed decision, but think how many cups of java are bought by how many millions of people around the world 24/7. —CBF

# Mall joins Baguio Charter Day celebration

SM CITY Baguio joins the celebration of the the 96th Baguio Charter Day this September.

The mall, located at the site of an old city landmark, the historic Pines Hotel, marks the occasion with activities highlighting Baguio's unique character.

Farmers and traders will bring their largest fruits and vegetables to Baguio's Biggest Bounty at the Entertainment Plaza on Sept. 1, 11 a.m. Exciting prizes await winners in the competition for the biggest lettuce, carrot, cabbage, zucchini and longest Baguio bean.

Local bands perform indigenous art music at 1 p.m. Sept. 1, 2 and 11 at the Front Veranda on the third floor. The Shapes of Our Imagination: Clay Sculpture Competition, a terra cotta sculpture contest, will be held starting Sept. 4, 10 a.m., at the Outdoor Wallshop Plaza.

A free sculpture workshop for adults and kids will be conducted by the Baguio Arts Guild. Kids can also hone their artistic skills at the Children's Painting Workshop at the atrium on Sept. 7.

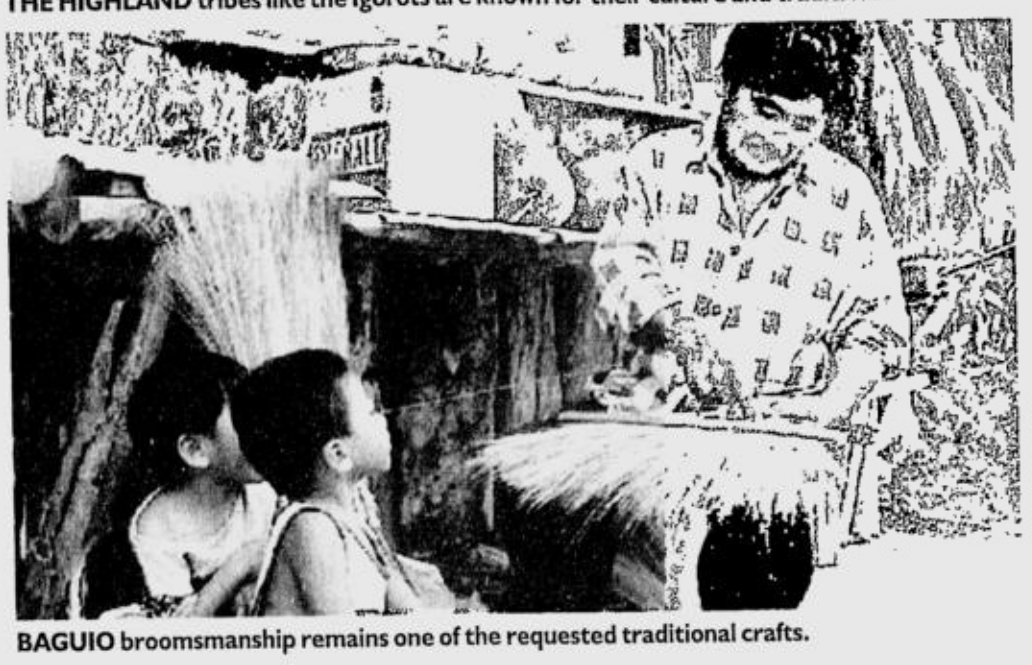
Well-known sculptor Peter Pinder and his family will present their art collection on Sept. 13 also at the atrium. The exhibit will feature one of Pinder's best known works, his Edsa II chess set featuring the personalities of the revolt, as well as the works of son Reuben and twins Azra and Samantha.

On Sept. 5, hotel and restaurant management students compete for the most attractive and artistic vegetable sculpture in the Slice, Chop and Dice Vegetable Carving contest. Other events are Baguio's Best Brew, Sept. 8-9; Century Tuna Culinary Challenge, Sept. 10; and Cooking the Cordillera Way demo, Sept. 12, all at the atrium.

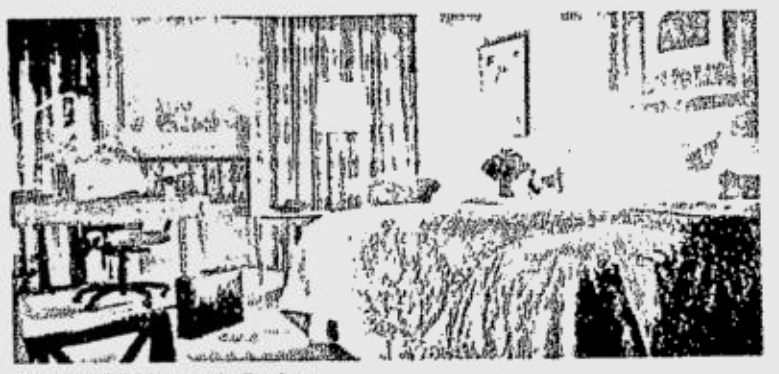
Narda's will showcase native costumes and silver accessories in the Cordillera Fashion Show on Sept. 6, 5 p.m., while the Balloon Fashion Show on Sept. 11 will feature local artists dressed in balloons.

Capping the celebrations are the Sounds of the Cordilleras on Sept. 14.

THE HIGHLAND tribes like the Igorots are known for their culture and traditions.



BAGUIO broomsmanship remains one of the requested traditional crafts.



WESTIN'S Heavenly Bedroom

## TRAVELBRIEFS

### Two leading companies in a new partnership

The Metrobank Card Corporation and Singapore Airlines (SIA) have entered a partnership that promises exciting new offerings to their current customers, as well as provide better options for potential clients. The partnership was formalized through Metrobank's president Anne Young, and SIA Philippines' general manager Eugene Lee. Through the new partnership, Metrobank credit card holders can accumulate Singapore Airlines KrisFlyer Miles by simply using their cards. Every P20 charged to the card automatically earns one reward point. A total of 2,500 points is equivalent to 1,000 KrisFlyer Miles. Starting at 15,000 miles, cardholders can redeem international round-trip tickets.

KrisFlyer is the frequent flyer program of SIA, consistently cited by such groups as Business Traveller, Travel and Leisure and Conde Nast for its innovative promotions and consumer-oriented deals.

Lee said a customer who transferred points to the KrisFlyer program could redeem free flights to any of the 810 destinations of 20 Star Alliance airlines. In addition, the customer could get upgrades to First and Raffles Class on SIA, and Business Class on SIA's regional carrier, SilkAir. Call 8700700.

### Travel package for foodies

Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco will offer beginning September the new "Gourmand Getaway" package that will take guests on an enjoyable journey in San Francisco and Napa Valley. Travelers can avail of a weekend travel package that begins on a Friday afternoon when they arrive at Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco. On Saturday morning, after breakfast, guests will be brought to Napa on a tour that includes a semi-private cooking demonstration at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone (CIA).

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## *New Jersey Filipinos hold fiesta*

FILIPINO expatriates in the United States recently celebrated the 7th annual Philippine Fiesta at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey, USA. The event drew 10,000 Philippine-American visitors from the East Coast daily.

Under one roof, the Philippine fiesta was a unique blend of trade exhibits and cultural festival. Philippine products—food, arts and crafts, home decor, furniture, and others that were put on display and on sale. The trade fair aimed to connect Filipino businesses with the mainstream and the global market.

New trade participants this year were Deer General, maker of indigenous Filipino handicrafts from organic materials; First Quadrant International Inc., a direct-to-consumer firm; and Arts and Homespaces, a landscaping and interior design company.

The Philippine Fiesta featured entertainers Aiza Segurra, Jon Santos, Leo Martinez, and Nanette Inventor.

Sponsors were Washington Mutual Home Loans, Citibank, Western Union, Garden State Travel, Costco, My World Unlimited, Mama Sita's, and Inq7.net.

## Biggest Wedding Fair Turns 7

After 6 successful editions of Wedding Expo Philippines, the country's biggest, most comprehensive, and most respected wedding fair, Themes & Motifs – The Special Events Co., event producer and organizer, gears up for its most spectacular show on September 3 – 4, 2005 at the NBC Tent, Bonifacio Global City.

Expected to join the 2-day grand celebration are over 200 of the country's top notch wedding suppliers in what is expected to be a record breaking gathering of its kind in local wedding fair history. Suppliers of wedding-related products and services including caterers, fashion designers, florists and event stylists, stationers, etc. will once again showcase their best and newest designs to vie for soon-to-weds' attention. As the launch venue of choice of the local wedding industry, Wedding Expo Philippines provides a treasure trove of ideas to brides and grooms looking for the latest trends in saying "I Do."

Despite the economic and political hard times, Pinoy romantics still want to get married in style. An increasing number of soon-to-weds are saving up wisely and preparing fastidiously for an altar date that has become a celebration not only of family and religion but of personal style, as well. Because of these, Wedding Expo Philippines presents exclusive promos and special deals from its exhibitors. Also, soon-to-weds get the chance to win a Honeymoon Trip to Bangkok for every P1,000.00 they book on-site.

To be introduced this September is the all new Wedding Essentials Magazine Tent, a 600 sqm. venue extension to be connected to the NBC Tent. This will contain the photographers, wedding venues, hotels, videographers, and other wedding-related products and services. The grand display of Wedding Essentials Magazine, a glossy publication intended for today's discerning soon-to-weds, will also be featured within this adjacent tent.

Alternative desserts, such as chocolate fondue fountains and specialty ice cream suppliers will share the limelight with new ideas for giveaways and keepsakes such as photo mosaics and life size standees of the bride-and-groom. The new issue of "IDEAS," the Wedding Expo Philippines Resource Book, will be given away for free to all soon-to-weds during the event. This will contain feature articles of interest to soon-to-weds, Wedding Expo Philippines – Sept. 2005 event highlights, exhibitors directory, and a comprehensive wedding checklist.

Hourly raffle draws, product samplings, food samplings, and never-before-seen elegant displays from all exhibitors are regular features of Wedding Expo Philippines. Expect to see a whole lot more as the entire wedding industry celebrates seven fruitful editions of Wedding Expo Philippines. Guests get free admission by pre-registering at www.themesnmotifs.com.

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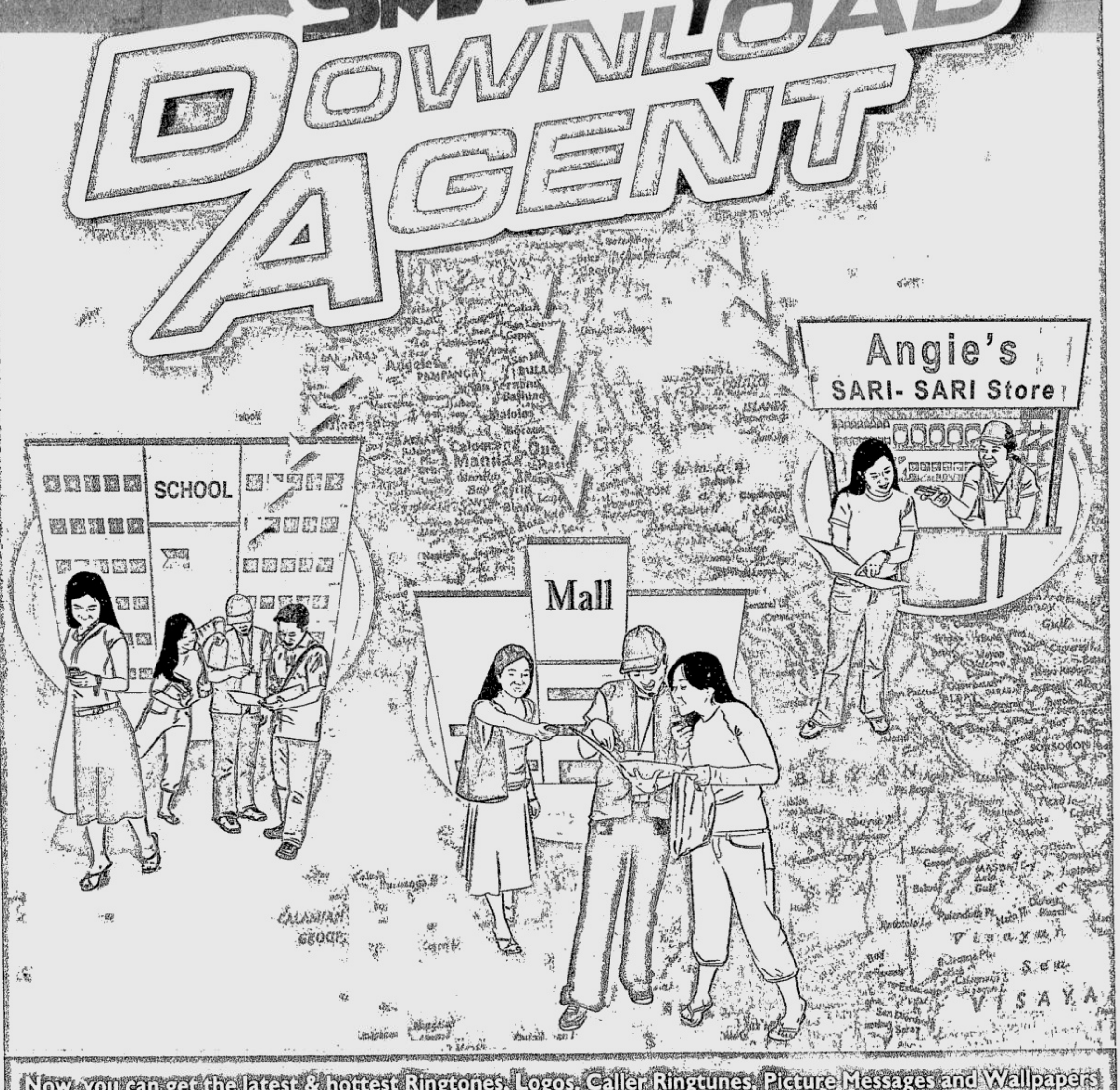


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# Feeling fab in Baguio and Cebu

**TESSA!**

*Tessa Prieto-Valdes*

THANK God the Philippines is not just Metro Manila. Anything negative happening in our fair city should never be generalized as the prevailing situation for the whole country.

These past weeks, I have been north and south of our nation, and I got the feeling we are somehow progressing in terms of business and tourism. Although we still have huge problem areas, there has been growth in some areas of trade and industry.

Traveling north has been such a wonderful experience with the reconstruction of the North Expressway. The NLEX is a clear example of world-class infrastructure, and we have to thank **Ping de Jesus** and **Oscar Lopez** for this excellent project. The wide, smooth roads and impressive tollbooths really make you feel like

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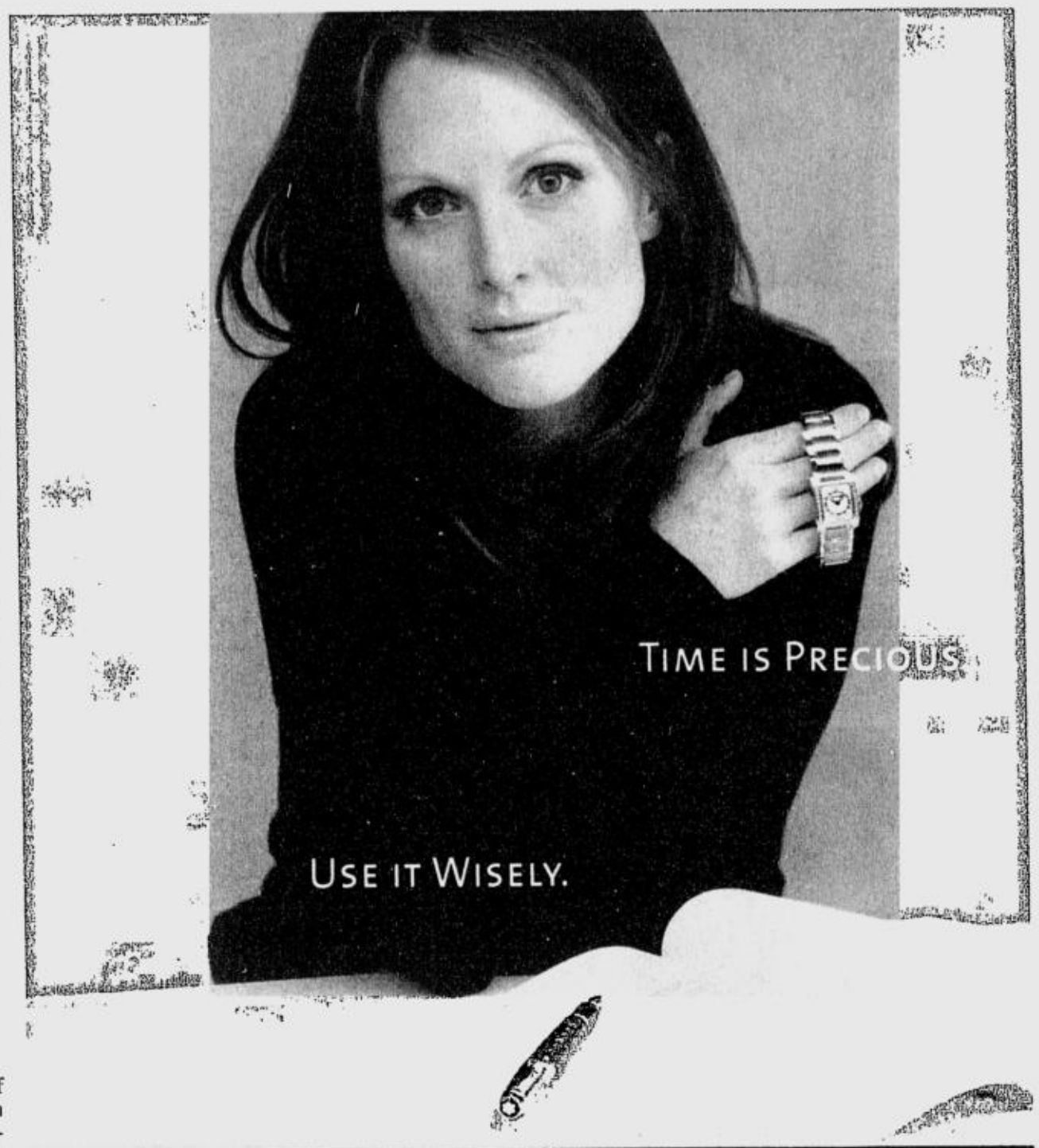


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TIMEX president and CEO Joe Santana between Binibining Pilipinas beauties Gionna Cabrera and Carlene Aguilar

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you're driving along the autobahn.

## First trip

Last weekend, I took my baby **Athena** on her first long road trip—to Baguio City. Having a baby in the car changes the ambience of the journey. Our car was packed to the hilt with baby necessities like a car seat, stroller, playpen, diapers and bathtub. We were so full I was tempted to bring a separate car for my clothes! But with the price of gasoline, I decided to pack us all in.

A trip with baby in tow needs necessary stopovers, like at the Max's Fried Chicken Restaurant in Luisita, Tarlac, with its most baby-friendly restrooms. The air-conditioned ladies' toilet has a baby-changing table and even a handicap-height sink.

After five long breastfeeding-inclusive hours on the road, we finally reached the City of Pines with its pleasant, nippy climate. The nice thing about Baguio in the off-season is that one can really enjoy the winter-fresh air. And with the cooler months drawing near, the weather is perfect for all my faux fur sweaters and shawls.

The skyline of the city has drastically changed with the development of the luminous, tented SM Baguio and, more recently, the opening of Hotel Elizabeth, a Mediterranean-inspired boutique hotel (for reservations, call 074-6190367). Nestled between Wright Park and Mines View, this charming, quaint hotel is personally run by its owner, **Beth Fernando**, so one can see her attention to detail, from the flowers to the food and entertainment.

It was the christening of Beth's granddaughter, **Jailey Elizabeth Fernando**, that brought me to Baguio. I am not sure what qualities I have that made her parents, **Joel** and **Ana**, choose me as their daughter's godmother, but I was happy to be back in Baguio again. It is really a restful vacation spot where one can just unwind and breathe fresh air.

HAPPY grandmas Alice Garcia and Beth Fernando with newly baptized Jailey

MEDITERRANEAN interiors of Hotel Elizabeth in Baguio

HOTEL Elizabeth family Jean, Ana, Joel, Beth, Jericho and baby Jail Fernando

For a low-season weekend, both the hotel and Baguio Country Club were surprisingly busy with local and foreign tourists. With the dollar rising, we really should travel locally and support our own resorts. Now that Baguio is free from the "m" virus (that's too long to say or spell), the market was bustling with activity. Too bad strawberries were not in season.

## Hospitable city

If Baguio is my favorite northern destination, Cebu is tops for me in the south. In fact, if I had to live anywhere else in the Philippines, it would be in Cebu. They have the best furniture suppliers, talented jewelry designers and very hospitable residents.

Early this month, Famous PR **Keren Pascual** invited the cruise gang to join the festivities for the 25th anniversary of Timex Philippines, which coincided with the opening of its distribution center. This $17-million expansion, creating additional jobs for an already huge 2,000 workforce, will be the global center to directly distribute Timex products worldwide.

To officially start the operations of Timex Global Distribution Center in Lapu-Lapu City, President **GMA** was invited to push the inaugural start-up button. She was surprised to see a lot of familiar faces from Manila as she walked toward the stage. The photo of this happy encounter was even posted on this paper's second frontpage, a part of PDI that I rarely see.

"This is some event, even Tessa is here!" That was what fave designer **Rajo Laurel** thought he heard Madame President say in her speech. We later found out the true version: "This is another big event, with Timex in PEZA (Philippine Economic Zone Authority) here." Yet somehow, Rajo's version is more amusing!

Before the plant tour, I had lunch at Waves Restaurant in the Mactan Shang with ultra-sharp businesswoman **Margaret Gaisano-Ang** of Metro Market! Market!, the new exciting department store in the mall at the Fort. Margaret graciously offered to sponsor a mini fashion show for kids that I am organizing for the benefit of the Assumption Mission Schools.

For my birthday next month, I have decided to do a fund-raising event with the rest of my Assumption HS classmates. Age must be creeping up on me now that I seem to be doing so many things for the charity world.

## Fashion show

With the obligatory Timex inaugural activities all done, we donned our resort wear and enjoyed the Mactan Shangri-La until the fashion show. My roommate, Tatler editor **Anton San Diego**, headed to the gym while I had to pump a milk supply for Athena using my double-suction Medela pump. For a single man like Anton, it was a shocker—enough to make him turn gay!

The fashion show featured 25 top designers, mostly from Cebu, and was highlighted by Timex image model **Piolo Pascual**. His dashing looks came combined with a crooner's voice! Now I know why he makes the ladies melt.

At the dinner right after, I met **Cary Santiago**, a Cebuano designer working for a top Lebanese designer who is creating waves in the international fashion scene. He told me all his designs are being made in Cebu but not labeled as his. We should all watch out for him because when he gets brave enough, Cary will be another Filipino name in the global fashion world.

Before I headed home the next day (with a cooler full of breast milk), Mactan Shang PR **Jaja Chiongbian** arranged a heavenly massage treatment at Chi Spa. What a perfect way to end a short but smashing trip to Cebu! With the many islands in the Philippines and a culture so diverse, we have so much to be proud of.

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> These past weeks, I have been north and south of our nation, and I got the feeling we are somehow progressing in terms of business and tourism

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GIORDANO owners Larry and Zita Lim

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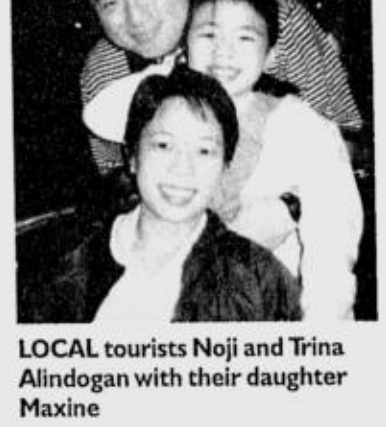
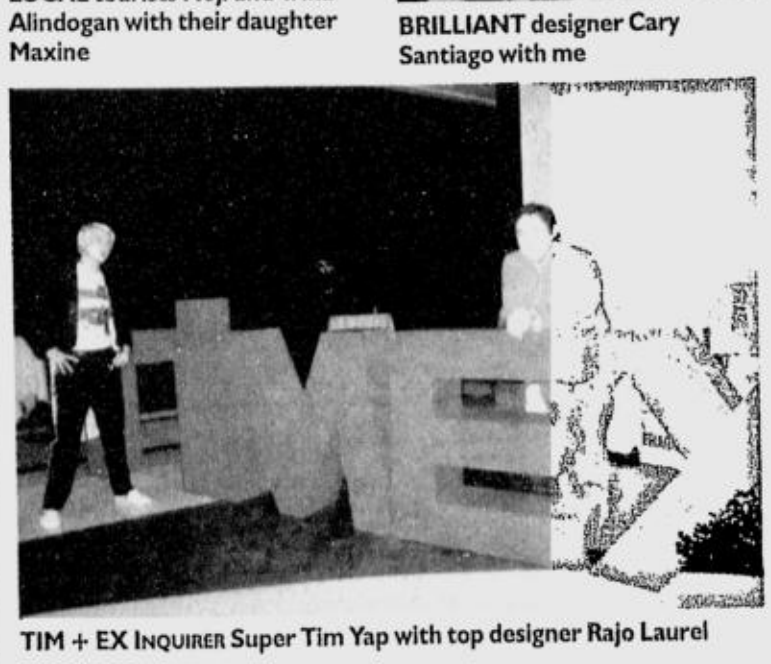

LOCAL tourists Noji and Trina Alindogan with their daughter Maxine

BRILLIANT designer Cary Santiago with me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## SUNDAY CROSSWORD

**PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo** — **OPENINGS**

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5 Trendy
11 Radar's sitcom
15 Oktoberfest order
19 Jai — (handball relative)
20 Slower than andante
21 "Boy" or "girl" lead-in
22 Heavenly bear
23 Very hard, as rainfall
25 Its caterpillars feed on tree foliage
27 Priced to go
28 Yerevan's land
30 Trees yielding light wood
31 Essential part
33 Picnic drink
34 Dried up
35 Become parents to
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41 1991 Chris Isaak hit
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48 Backwoods sibling
49 Overtaxes
50 "Miss Saigon" setting, briefly
51 Theater makeup
54 Nile slitherers
55 Big brute
56 R&B singer James
57 Mouse clicker
58 Jamaican music
59 Coil of 92-Across
60 Conductor — -Pekka Salonen
61 Fall chill
63 Pulled tight
65 Captivated
67 Energizer product
70 And so on
73 Shelley's alma mater
74 Senator Nunn
75 Actress Rita
78 Misty-eyed
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87 Government regulation of housing costs
89 Suffix with opal
90 Brimless caps
92 Knitting need
93 Tough-guy actor Ray
94 Nightclub levy
96 Hawks' old arena
97 Out of bed
98 Fully aged
99 Guinness's favorite suffix
101 — -Pei (wrinkly-skinned dog)
103 Squash and pumpkin, e.g.
106 Forbidding
110 Final result
114 Woody Allen film
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118 R-W linkup
119 Harbinger
120 Least recent
121 Flightless birds
122 Fleshy fruit
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5 Painter Edouard
6 Eccentric
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8 Helper with a hump
9 Fraternity letters
10 Soaked, with "down"
11 Trio in a Christmas story
12 "Back —!" ("Likewise!")
13 Brand of motor oil additive
14 They're no longer popular
15 Cause of a limp, slangily
16 God of love
17 This, in Toledo
18 Arena shouts
24 Came to rest
26 Sprinkler sites
29 Bright salamander
32 Angel's strings
34 Bottoms for the slopes
35 Actress Dickinson
36 Mends, as argyles
37 Big name in watches
39 Sweetheart
40 "The Count of Monte —"
42 S&L offerings
43 Coffin
44 Wrath
45 See 71-Down
46 Improve, as text
48 Message on a candy heart
49 Peacocks, when walking
52 Marbles, so to speak
53 Novelist Zora — Hurston
55 Acceptable
59 Sunday talk
62 Reach every part of
64 Steakhouse selection
66 Church official
67 Uncool character
68 Unoccupied
69 False name
70 Moral standard
71 With 45-Down, singer of the 1985 pop hit "Lovergirl"
72 Spy for Moses
75 About half of all births
76 Positive pole
77 Honeydew, e.g.
80 Figure skater Kulik
82 Jazzman Getz
84 Flight unit
86 Bit of risqué viewing
88 Carter of the NFL's Vikings
90 Rice thrower's target
91 Divorced couples
95 Get there
96 Verdi opera
97 Copies Coolio
100 Bar seat
102 Aches
103 Huff and puff
104 Hip about
105 "E pluribus —"
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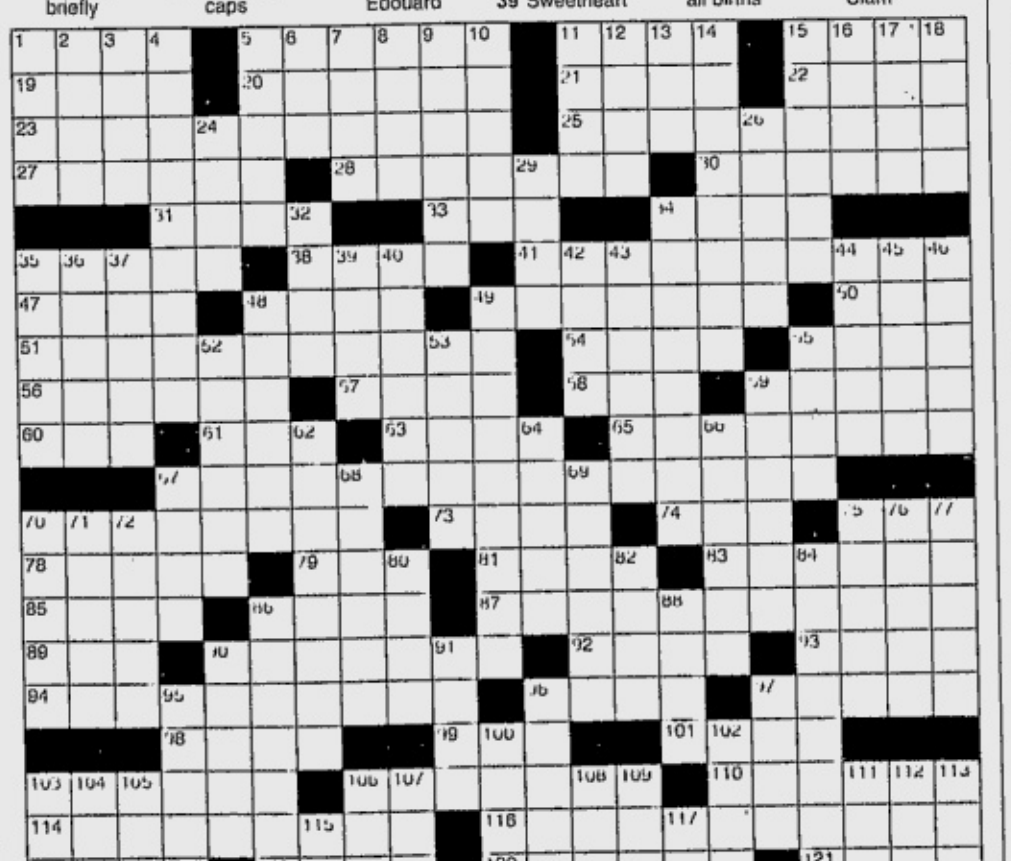

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# A Voice on Salesmanship

## The SMART Entrepreneurial Program and the Learning by Doing Program @ DLSU

"Entrepreneurship is **the** Filipino dream"

SMART PCMSD Head Boy Martirez says that "SEP opens up students to the new realities in the job market and introduces them to the opportunity of entrepreneurship."

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Mr. Carlos "Lito" Maglutac is the Faculty Coordinator of the Program. He teaches his students that in selling, it is easier to tell the truth since it is the simplest to remember. Practically speaking, lies and half-truths take more effort to cover-up.

Filipinos are typically reticent when it comes to selling. With the right attitude, Mr. Maglutac believes that anyone can sell effectively. In the DLSU Learning by Doing Program, products are offered to customers in a person-to-person approach. This makes applied learning possible as students are given an opportunity to put into action lessons learned in the classroom.

### SEP is the Future

"Wireless opportunities with SMART are very much a part of the future," Lito says. "The SMART Entrepreneurial program is totally in line with our program's direction." That direction is in applied learning, where students confront real time issues and processes in salesmanship.

As every business aims to master its ability to market products, selling remains an important aspect of growth and success. Although not many of us aspire to be in sales, it is a necessary tool in each entrepreneurial endeavor. "Many students are *mahiyain*, they are afraid to 'take advantage' of someone by giving them a sales pitch. They are also quite scared of rejection," Mr. Maglutac says. "But we explain the process and logic of sales. We give them theories, yes, but we also provide the framework to apply those theories."

And for Mr. Maglutac, entrepreneurship is the Filipino dream. "Ask any Filipino what his ultimate dream is and he'll tell you that it is to have their own business." SEP promotes entrepreneurship as a viable alternative for the youth, inspires that dream, and spells hope for the future.

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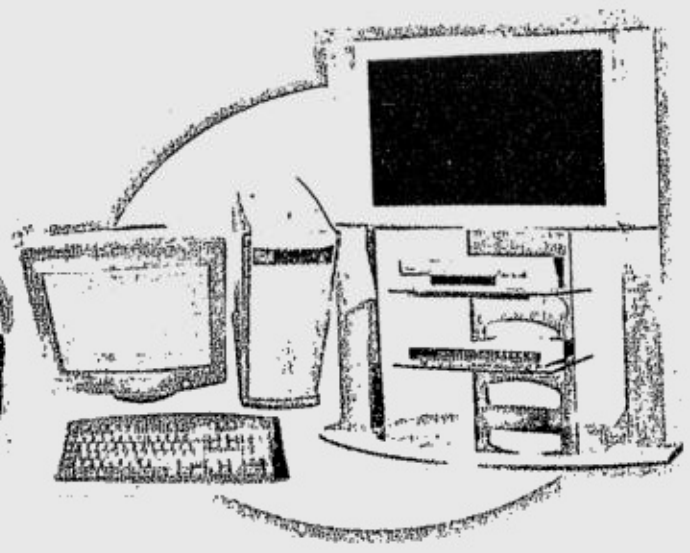

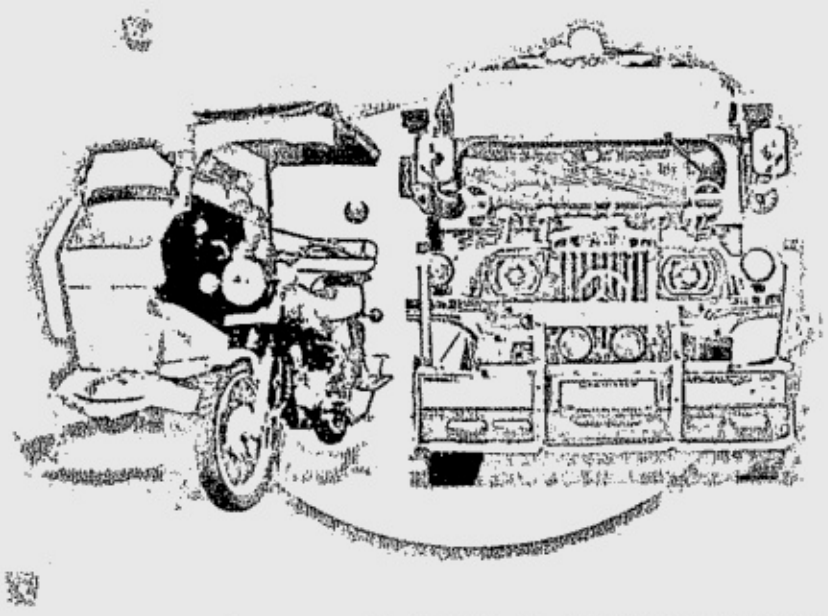

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KOREANS use the *hanbok*, their traditional dress of silk, for weddings and other special occasions.

# To have and to hold, in fine *hanbok*

## Korean newlyweds are looking beyond cliché negative images of the Philippines to make the country their choice honeymoon destination

Text and photos by Gibbs Cadiz

SOMETIMES, all it takes is one trip abroad to realize that the Philippines is not as bad as it's cracked up to be.

In South Korea, for instance, Filipinos suffering from low self-esteem are in for a happy surprise. Not only do many Koreans empathize with ordinary Filipinos' unending struggles with corruption and political tumult ("We also have dirty people here," as one travel operator puts it), but they tend to see the Philippines' robust strengths more than its shortcomings.

Young Koreans continue to come in droves to Philippine schools and universities, believing that our facility with English and Western educational standards is something they can imbibe and bring back home to an economy already ranked as one of the world's strongest. Korean families on vacation look at the Philippine countryside and see, not the dangerous fiefdoms of petty mandarins, but the beauty and majesty of our natural vistas.

### Biggest exhibit

Last year, 378,000 Koreans visited the Philippines, according to the Department of Tourism. And they weren't just students or family vacationers. Fully a third of that number were newlyweds on their honeymoon—the kind of people the DOT is fixing its sights on with its participation in Weddex Korea 2005, the country's biggest wedding exhibition held recently in Seoul.

Korea's wedding market, worth an estimated $1 billion, coalesces under one roof during this twice-a-year event, with more than 250 local and international exhibitors and over 70,000 visitors trooping to the huge Convention and Exhibition Center in downtown Seoul to present their products and services, from top-shelf wedding packages in the world's most luxurious spots to home fixtures, gifts for in-laws, jewelry, wedding paraphernalia, even limousine services.

It's the first time for the Philippines to join the fair, and the desire to impress was evident in the booth. Its backdrop was a made-to-scale photo (by George Tapan) of the façade of the centuries-old Laoag Cathedral, the main doorway of which opened to a runway where Filipino models paraded at regular intervals, wearing spectacular bridal creations made of handwoven indigenous materials by designer Nono Palmos.

### One of a kind

In terms of design and motif, the Philippine booth was the only one of its kind in the exhibition, thus standing out in a sea of mostly showroom-type setups framed by metal trusses. The emphasis on Philippine culture and traditions was deliberate.

"The Philippines has become the No. 1 honeymoon destination among Koreans," says Maricon Basco-Ebron, head of DOT's Team Korea, the group that spearheads the Philippines' promotional efforts in that country. "We have overtaken Guam and Hawaii, and we want to reinforce our position by presenting the Philippines as a destination for general leisure activities such as the beach, shopping and tours."

### Tradition

Travelling abroad is almost a tradition among Korean newlyweds. Maureen Kim, DOT's marketing manager in Korea, estimates more than 80 percent of Korean couples pack their bags for foreign places after their wedding. "We just want to take a rest after all the preparations, that's why we go out," she says.

In years past, Thailand, Bali, Guam, Saipan and Hawaii were the prime choices. But the Philippines' proximity to Korea ("We're just three hours away," announces a Korean-language DOT brochure), its unparalleled beaches and natural attractions, plus its cheapness compared to, say, Hawaii, has steadily chipped away at the market leaders' edge. Now, Korean couples see the Philippines as the most practical choice for their post-wedding rest and recreation.

Who can blame them for craving some faraway escape? Preparing for a Korean wedding can be a nerve-wracking experience. At least three months' preparation is needed for the ceremony, and that's not even counting the requirement for the groom to buy a house for his bride before the wedding. Living with in-laws is not a prevalent arrangement in Korea. Newlyweds are expected to be on their own, and a house is the single biggest expense

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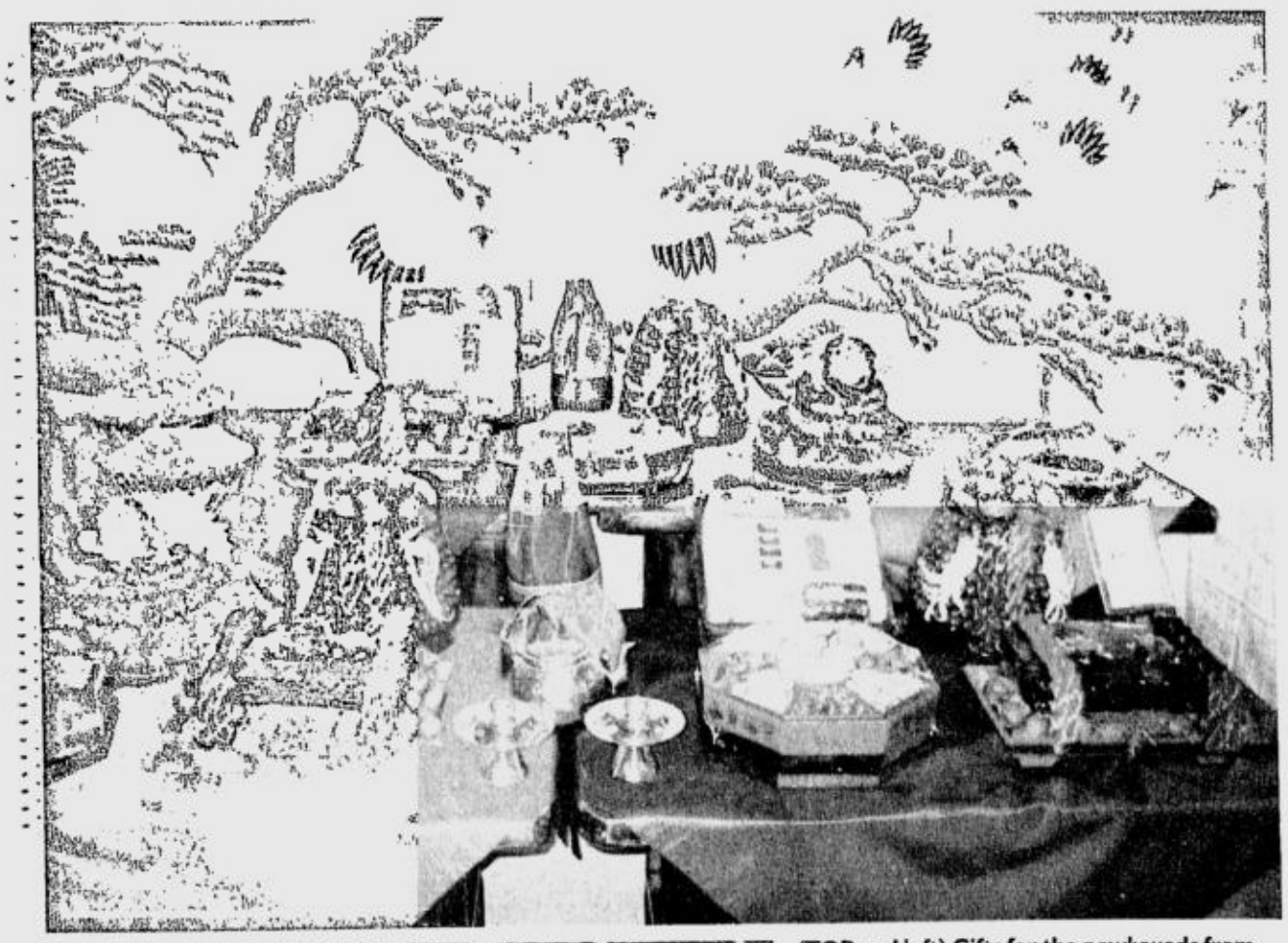
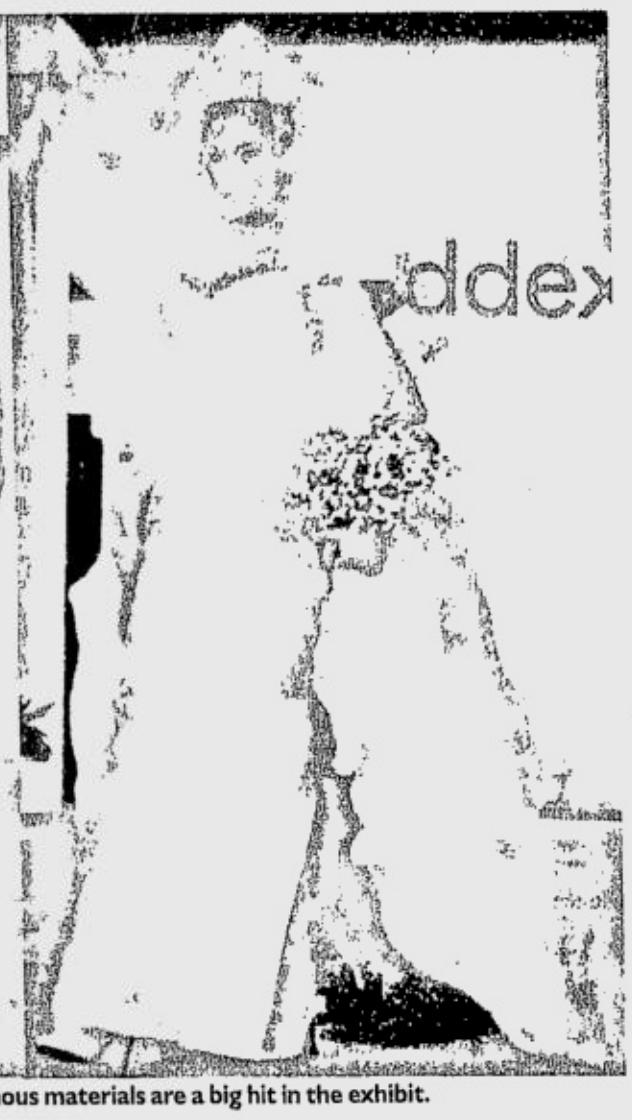
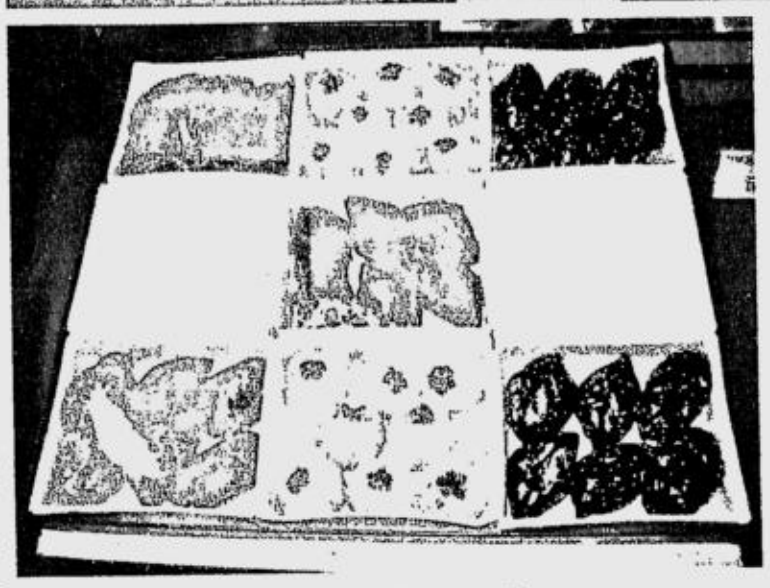




(TOP and left) Gifts for the newlyweds from their in-laws include rice cakes and noodles for long life, and nuts and dates for many kids.

NONO Palmos creations of indigenous materials are a big hit in the exhibit.



# To have and to hold, in fine *hanbok*

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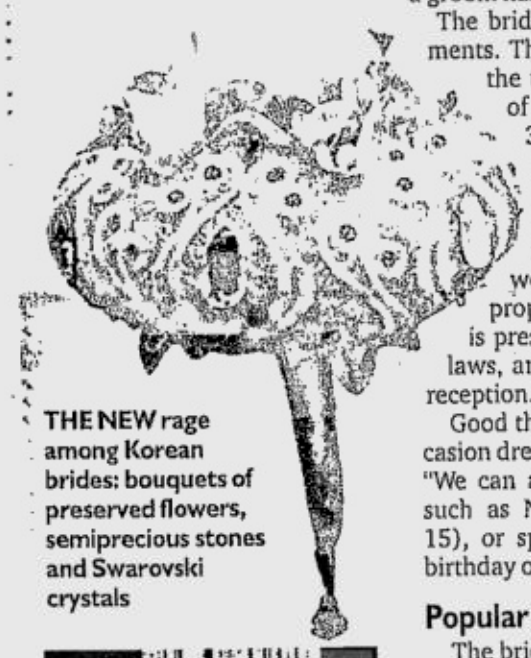
a groom has to shoulder.

The bride has her own costly requirements. The first of these is the *hanbok*, the traditional Korean dress made of silk. A new *hanbok* costs about 30 million won ($30,000). And because of the intricacies of Korean wedding ceremonies, brides usually order three different outfits—a Western-style wedding gown for the ceremony proper, a *hanbok* for when the bride is presented by the groom to her in-laws, and then her party wear for the reception.

Good thing the *hanbok* is not a one-occasion dress, unlike most wedding gowns. "We can also use it for other occasions such as New Year, Thanksgiving (Aug. 15), or special events such as the first birthday of our kids," says Kim.

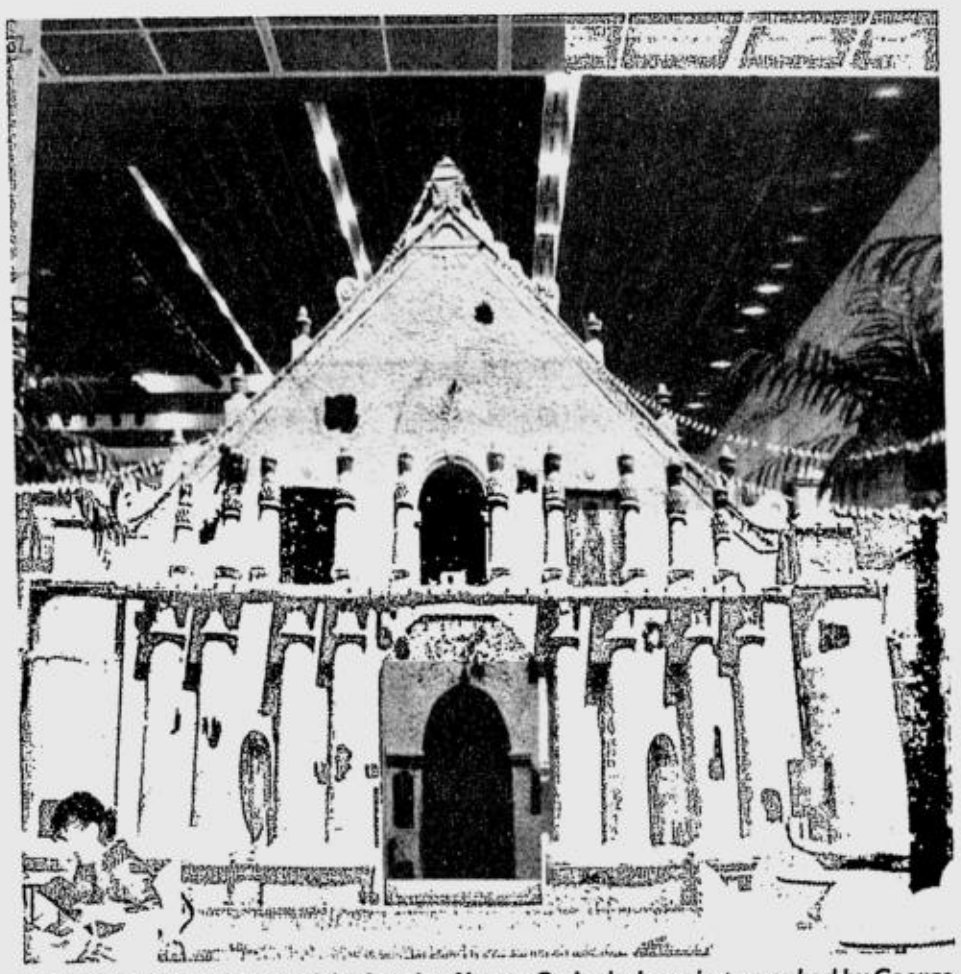


THE NEW rage among Korean brides: bouquets of preserved flowers, semiprecious stones and Swarovski crystals

## Popular gifts

The bride and groom are also expected to give gifts to their in-laws. Aside from the *hanbok*, the most popular items are pillow-and-blanket sets, the reason why the exhibit had rows and rows of open cupboards displaying bed linen of exquisite colors and designs.

"Old people in our country usually don't use beds," explains Kim. "They just lie on the floor, which is especially heated during winter."



MADE-TO-SCALE repro of the façade of Laoag Cathedral, as photographed by George Tapan, serves as the backdrop of the Philippine booth.

The in-laws also have their traditional gifts to give the bride and groom during the ceremony. They bow to the couple and offer different rice cakes and noodles to symbolize long life, and nuts and dates to wish for many grandchildren. Nuts symbolize boys, and dates girls. Friends and relatives of the couple, meanwhile, are expected to give cash, not presents. And a wedding cake is not a necessary part of the setup. (There was no booth advertising wedding cakes in the exhibit.)

As a penultimate flourish, many Korean couples memorialize their weddings by having a photographer do a stylized portrait of themselves in oversize dimensions. At the exhibit, photo studios vied to have the most romantic, the most whimsical wedding portraits up on their temporary galleries for browsing couples to drool over—and hopefully imitate.

But that is, of course, before they head to the airport for the short, sweet flight to their honeymoon getaway—these days, usually El Nido in Palawan or the Mactan resorts in Cebu.

"We expect some 500,000 Korean visitors this year," says Basco-Ebron, sounding upbeat. She has reason to. By June, the half-year target has been exceeded by 26 percent. Koreans are in the mood for some big-time lovin', and the Philippines can only swoon to it.

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# Chocolate kisses

SAY IT WITH CHOCOLATE. Fondue is fast becoming the dessert of choice during weddings.

By Alex Y. Vergara

A growing number of Filipino newlyweds have begun adding chocolate fondue to their dessert list

NOT CONTENT with the traditional wedding cake, a growing number of Filipino newlyweds have begun adding chocolate fondue to their dessert list. Some even serve it to guests at pre-reception cocktails alongside canapés, marshmallows and hotdogs.

"The chocolate fondue has become either a welcome addition or an ideal alternative to help guests while away the time as they await the couple," says caterer Buddy Abesamis, president of VS&F International. "It's what we call sweet cocktail food."

Serving chocolate fondue during weddings first became popular in the United States almost two years ago. Thanks to Abesamis' company, which started offering the food item to clients alongside various cuisine early this year, the trend is slowly catching on among Filipinos.

And not only during weddings, as chocolate fondue is also becoming a staple during birthdays and anniversaries. It's a certified hit among debutantes and their equally young, chocoholic guests, adds Abesamis.

VS&F (tel. 9371037, 9374989) is one of 260 wedding-related companies participating at the 7th Wedding Expo Philippines. Aside from caterers, the two-day bridal fair (Sept. 3-4) at the Fort's NBC Tent will feature, among others, hotels, fashion designers, photographers, videographers, wedding coordinators, jewelry designers, florists, travel agencies, real estate companies and giveaways suppliers.

Far from the messy affair we associate chocolate fondue with, Abesamis and his wife Josie have done away with the ceramic bowl and portable stove. Instead they offer clients the use of their US-made chocolate fondue fountain machines.

The tall, multi-layered stainless-steel device comes in three sizes: small (P12,000 and good for 150 to 200 guests); medium (P18,000, for 200 to 300 guests); and large (P25,000, for 300 to 500 guests).

But you can't have your chocolate fondue and, well, lick it, too. The fondue package is exclusively available to clients who hire VS&F as their caterer.

Not a few exhibitors at Wedding Expo will be offering discounts and special packages to inquiring couples. For its part, VS&F will give a 50-percent discount on its chocolate fondue to clients who book its catering services during the two-day wedding fair.

"If they pay [for our catering services] in full," says Buddy, "we will give the chocolate fondue package to them for free."

Apart from the liquefied chocolate (a choice between American all-time favorite Hershey's and Belgian-made Callabaut either in dark or white variant) and use of the machine, the package also includes fruits, marshmallows, diced cheese, breadsticks, biscuits, barbecue sticks and even hotdogs! Some people apparently like their meat sweet.

"We can provide you almost any kind of fruits as long as they're in season," says Josie. "Bananas, apples, pineapples, strawberries, melons, watermelons, grapes, even green mangoes, you name it. We can even turn white chocolate into whatever color you fancy."

In fact, VS&F caters to the most unusual requests. In lieu of liquid chocolate, a client and his guests, who obviously were fond of drinking, once clamored for flowing barbecue sauce for their bar chow. Well, they got their wish.

"We don't see any problem as long as what they requested is edible and has the consistency of liquid chocolate," says Buddy.

Filipinos may be certified chocoholics, but some have a long way to go when it comes to proper fondue etiquette. Instead of thrusting their fruit-laden barbecue sticks, for instance, some guests have gone as far as shoving their plates into the chocolate fountain. Chocolate thus runs out in half the time.

So as not to embarrass, well, greedy guests, the Abesamis couple usually assigns two waiters at the chocolate fondue station to "guide" them while they satisfy their cravings. Dos and don'ts in the form of reader-friendly icons also form part of the set-up.

"Chocolate fondue has yet to replace the wedding cake," says Buddy. "But it's an additional expense a growing number of couples don't mind paying for."

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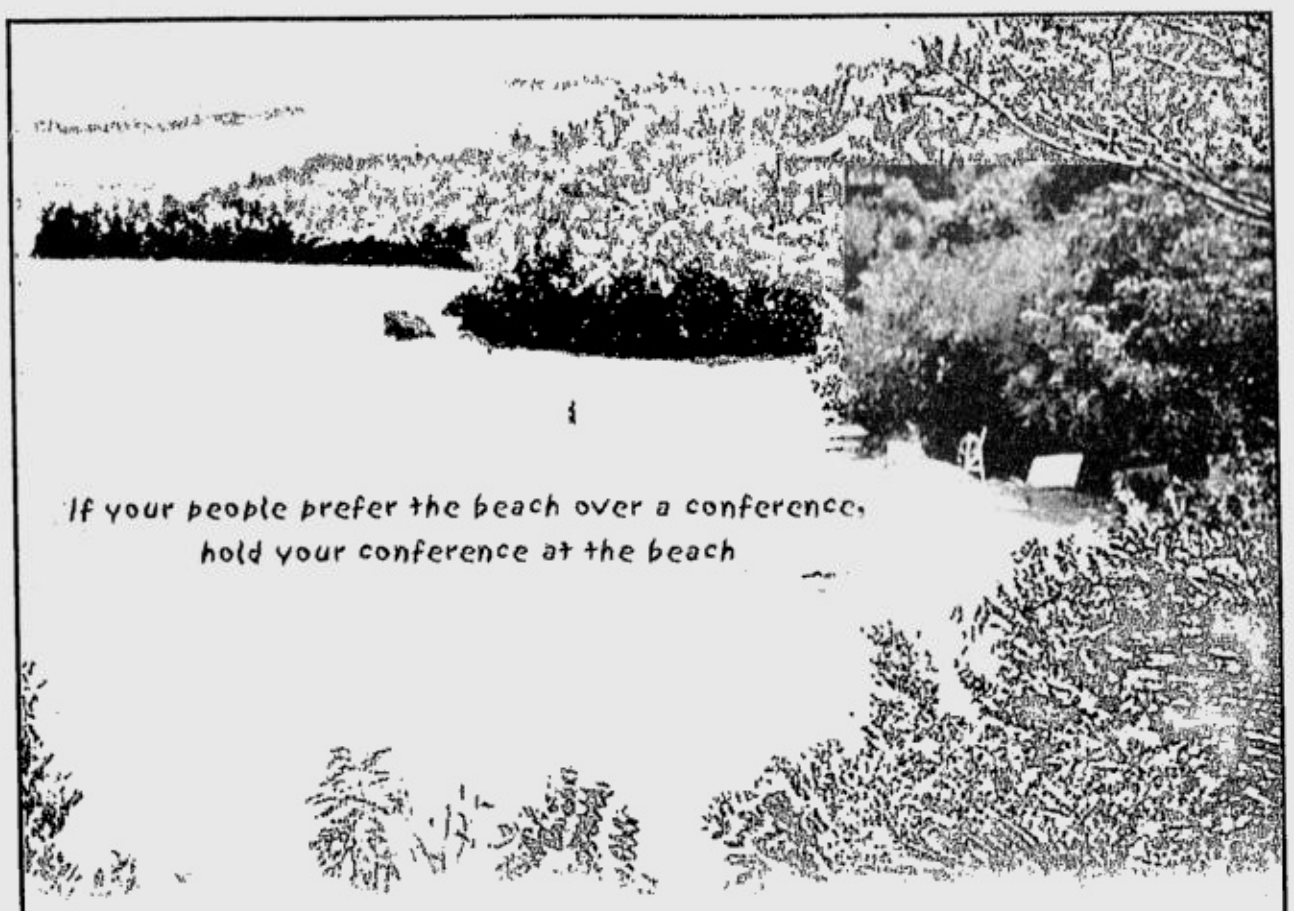
(TOP) Korean couples love to memorialize their wedding with stylized portraits of themselves, providing brisk business to photographers and portraitists. (Left) Pillow-and-blanket sets are the most popular gifts newlyweds give their in-laws.

HE PHILIPPINE delegation to Weddex Korea 2005, among them DOT Korea marketing manager aureen Kim (left), Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation (PCVC) market officer Nesie ngeles (fourth from left), PCVC Asia-Pacific regional manager and head of DOT Team Korea Maricon sco-Ebron (fifth from left), Hyatt Hotel and Casino director of sales Chris Legaspi (second from right) d fashion designer Nono Palmos (right).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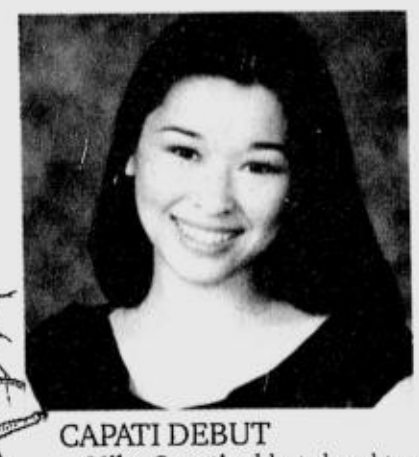
**Frederick Garrido Malabo**, son of **Fortunato** and **Felisa Malabo**, married **Charina de Castro Concepcion**, daughter of **Pedro** (deceased) and **Nilda Concepcion**, recently at the Nuestra Señora del Pilar Chapel, Central, Nasugbu, Batangas. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Fr. **Dexter E. Mojares**.

The bride's gown and the groom's *piña barong* were made by **Dei de Leon** of Baro't Saya.

A beach reception followed at the White Cove Resort in Nasugbu.

### MAKASAKIT ANNIVERSARY

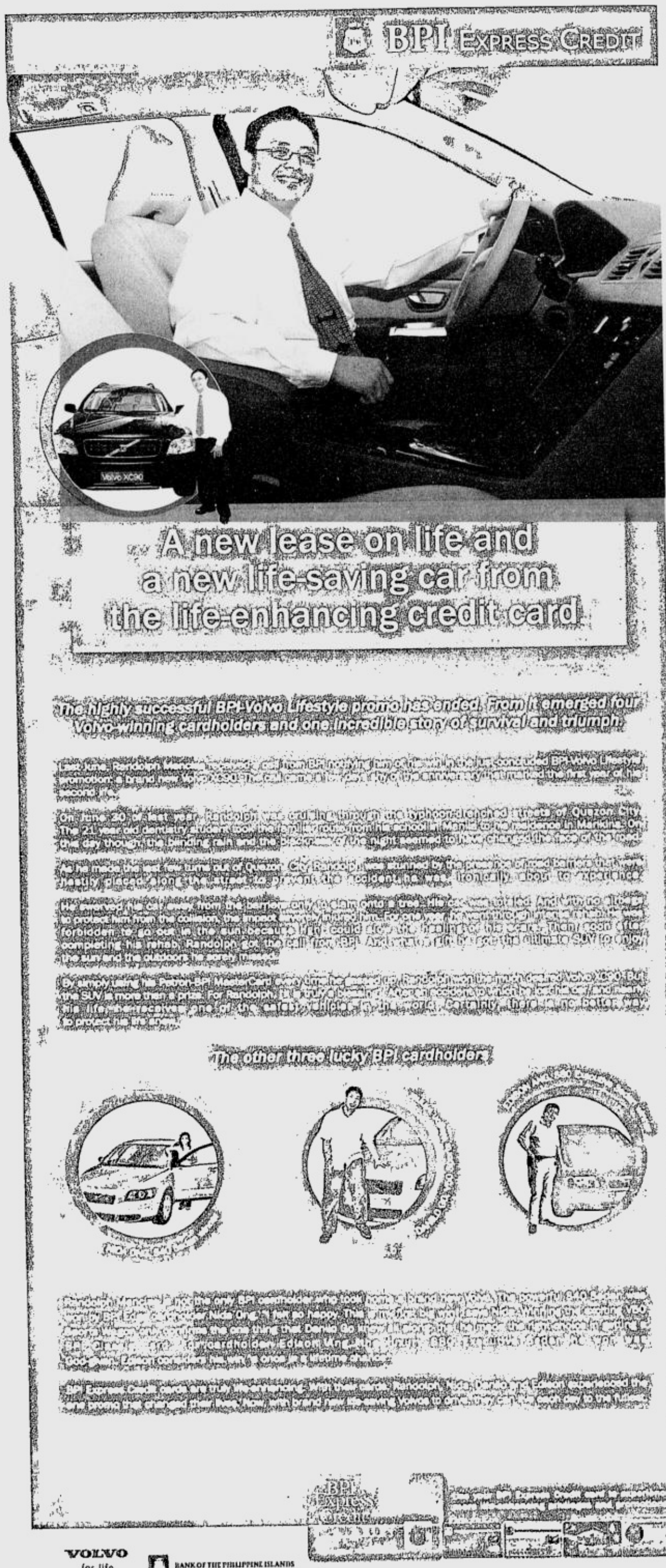
**Frederick Makasakit**, son of **Federico Makasakit** and **Rosario Flores**, and the former **Ma. Remedios Umandap**, daughter of **José Umandap** and **Marcela League** (both deceased), renewed their marital vows on June 25 at San Ildefonso Church, A. Arnaiz Ave., Makati City. Rev. Fr. **Cris Magbitang**, SDB, officiated.



### CAPATI DEBUT

**Mika Capati**, eldest daughter of **Michael** and **Flory Biolena-Capati**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 10 at the Richmonde Hotel.

She will wear a silk gown made by **Leonardo Dadiva.** Event coordinator is **Beng Samson.**



### HEBRIO DEBUT

**Feona Izobelle B. Hebrio**, a sophomore at the De La Salle University, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the Prince of Jaipur, The Fort, Taguig. She is a Legislative Assembly representative, and is an active member of the DLSU Student Council. She is the only daughter among four children of **Manolo P. Hebrio** and **Flor Bolivar-Hebrio**.

### MAGANA DEBUT

**Hannah Paula Magana**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Wilfredo Magana** of Lipa City, will celebrate her 18th birthday at the same time as her father's 50th birthday today at Luntian Resort and Restaurant, Lipa City.

Hannah is a BS Nursing sophomore and president of Sagipkalikas of the Lipa City Colleges. She will be escorted by her brother, **Jewel Wythe Magana.**

### FLORES DEBUT

**Leah Jennifer Flores**, daughter of **Jaime** (deceased) and **Araceli Flores**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the CAP, Ayala Highway, Lipa City. Her escort was **Thirdy Magallanes**. The highlight of the affair was the Viennese waltz of the debutante with **Roy Albert Virrey**.

### DAQUIL DEBUT

**May Rachelle Daquil**, youngest and only daughter of engineer **Maximo** and **Rosita Daquil**, recently celebrated her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance party on June 18 at the Maynila Ballroom of the Manila Hotel. She is a management engineering freshman at the Ateneo de Manila University. The debutante wore a gown by **Eddie Baddeo**. Photography by **Ralph Alejandrino**.

### BELLO DEBUT

**Pamela Ann Bello**, daughter of **Ronald** and **Gigi Bello**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the Isla Ballroom of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Pamela Ann is a management-economics sophomore at the Ateneo de Manila University.

### ESPERAS DEBUT

**Rianne Clarisse Esperas**, eldest daughter of **Raoul** and **Rhea Esperas**, celebrated her 18th birthday recently at Hotel Rembrandt, QC.

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THIS SEEMINGLY modest, two-story house in Quezon City cost P120 million to build.

# The house where 'Big Brother' lives

## ABS-CBN spends more than P100 million to lavishly furnish a veritable prison house

**Text by Alex Y. Vergara**
**Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan**

IS anyone home? Save for a logo on the façade proclaiming what it is to the rest of the world, this fenceless, two-story house on Eugenio Lopez Drive seems no different from the hundreds of middle-class homes in this part of Quezon City. But wait until you step inside.

The house in question, a contemporary, butter-yellow, Filipino-style concrete structure that seemed to have risen out of nowhere (it took its builders a record 79 days to finish it), is the site of ABS-CBN's latest reality show, "Pinoy Big Brother." The network has reportedly spent P120 million to build and equip the house and keep it on par with international standards.

To better appreciate such a house and all its quirks, it's important to know where and to what extent ABS-CBN intends to use it.

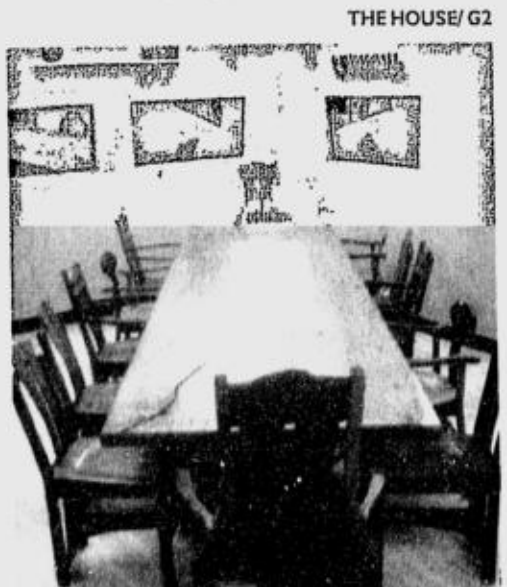
Heralded by the network as the first of its kind on Philippine TV (similar versions run in Italy, Brazil, Thailand, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom, Mexico and the Netherlands, where the show originated), "Pinoy Big Brother" is simply too big and too complex a show to be shot in a real house, much less in a studio set.

"Pinoy Big Brother" showcases the lives of 12 disparate strangers (six men and six women) as they try their best to coexist with one another in a relatively small house 24/7 for 100 days. The show debuted on primetime last week.

The 12 are barred from making contact with the outside world (no newspapers, magazines, watches, iPods, radios, computers, TVs and, yikes, cell phones). In other words, they're bound to become homesick or suffer from cabin fever in spite of the posh and comfy surroundings (centralized AC, hot and cold running water and a garden swimming pool).

"Even contact with friends and loved ones isn't allowed," said Leon Roldan, one of the show's executive producers. "We'll tell them if they have a family emergency, but once they leave the house, they're out."

THE HOUSE/ G2



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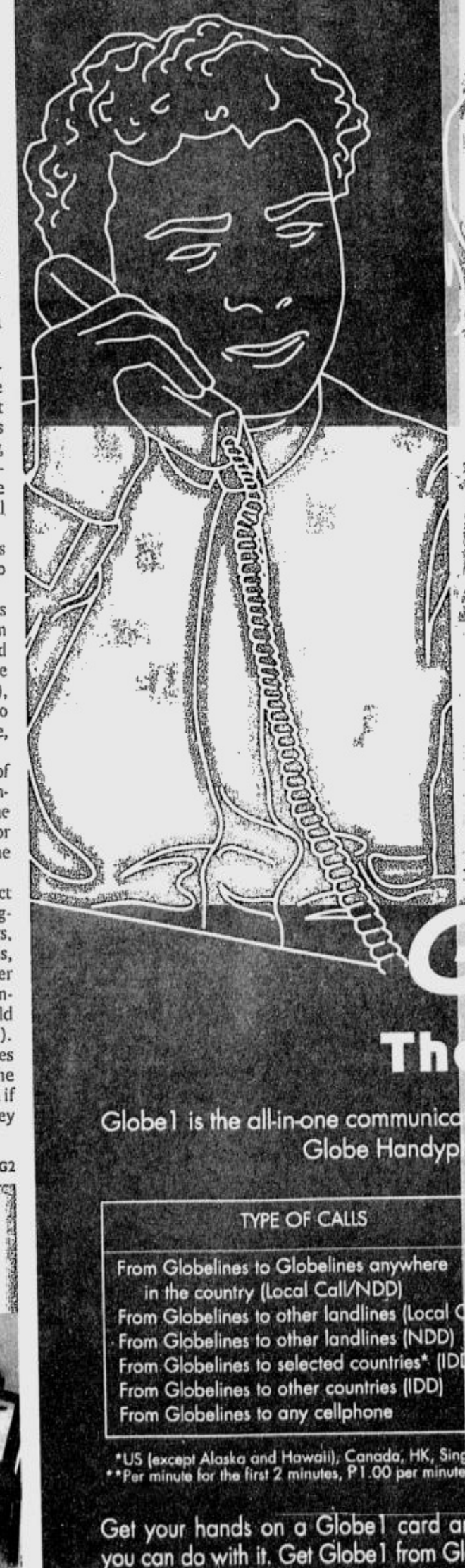

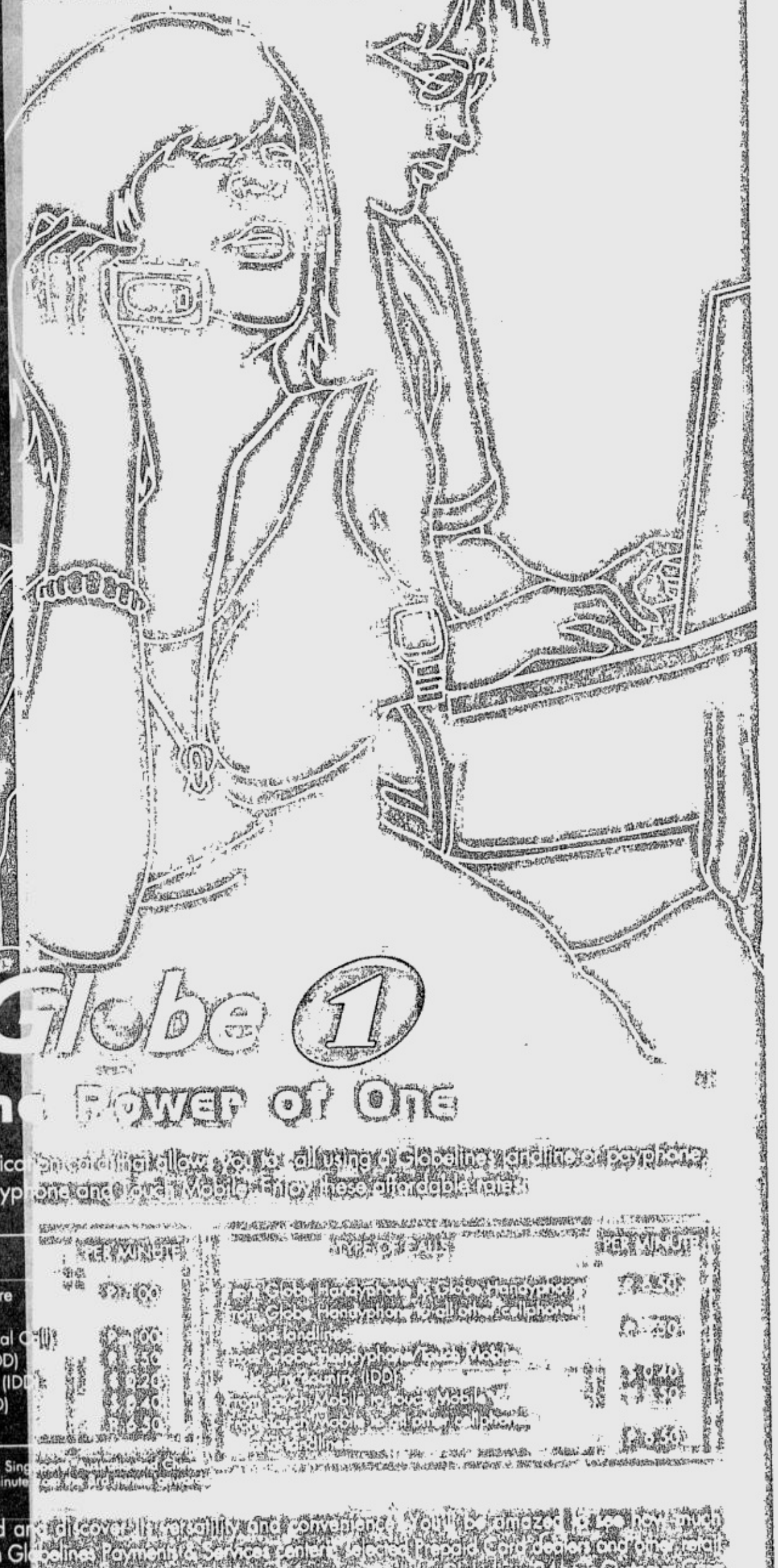

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TV CORNER, with throw pillows and ottomans wrapped in *banig*, is used only every Saturday when contestants get to vote out the most unpopular member of the cast.

BOYS' bedroom needs last-minute touch-up before airtime.

PADDLE accent is from Palawan, while low three-seater is by Benjie Reyes.

# The house where 'Big Brother' lives

From page G1

Even ABS-CBN TV shows have no place in the living room. A giant TV is exclusively reserved for the eviction day show every Saturday. Just like most reality shows, contestants get to agree among themselves whom to vote out until two survivors are left. Viewers ultimately get to choose the winner by voting in favor of him or her via text.

On top of a possible show-biz career, the last person standing will win P1 million cash, a Nissan Frontier and a house and lot.

Apart from taking care of themselves (and fending off intrusions and/or advances from unruly housemates), the contestants must be on their toes following the whims of "Big Brother." His Orwellian presence is manifested through his suave voice over the house's PA system.

Thus, every development is as candid and as natural as it can get since contestants eventually "forget" that they're being watched and soon revert to their old, natural selves. Of course, they do eventually get on each other's nerves (that's the point behind the entire exercise). For starters, sharing one bathroom and one toilet is already a recipe for disaster.

As if this setup isn't hell enough, characters are made to live together virtually in a fishbowl. A series of visible "lipstick" cameras and microphones (26 and 60, respectively) that dangle from the ceiling has been set up all over the house. And just to make sure their every word is taped, contestants are made to wear lapel mikes as soon as they wake up.

A camera ring with a dolly track hidden behind a series of two-way mirrors (88 view windows) that run the entire length and breadth of the house's walls—including the walls surrounding the swimming pool and garden area—is manned by at least four cameramen dressed in ninja-black.

LIVING room features Indian taspestry held together by slim bamboo poles, Italian-made furniture pieces and throw pillows wrapped in Thai silk.

A CLEAN, well-lit kitchen is a luxury for some contestants.

A SHOWER room and a comfort room for 12 people is already a recipe for disaster.

ABS-CBN crew does some finishing touches to the five-foot-deep swimming pool.

STATE-OF-THE-ART control room has 50 TV sets, making it perhaps the "richest" of its kind in the country.

## One for the books

Compared to three to four cameras used for a news program or the six to seven cameras needed in a noontime show, the number of cameras installed in the "Pinoy Big Brother" house is certainly one for the books.

Contestants move about in the first floor without them knowing when they're being randomly filmed. Since they're strictly confined to the house, they have no contact with cameramen behind the walls and the show's technical and administrative staff toiling away in a separate area in the first floor and the second floor.

"The camera ring doesn't run along the bathroom and comfort room," said Raul Bulaong, VP for I-Post and head of technical. "Both places are equipped with their own cameras. We won't be filming them taking a shower in the nude or anything, as these cameras are mainly there for surveillance purposes."

Bulaong, who took us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the camera ring and state-of-the-art control room, assured us that the contestants' private moments won't end up in other people's cell phones. Such surveillance measures, he said, are meant to ensure that contestants don't end up killing each other. (Or if they already did, at least they won't get away scot-free.)

The task of building and designing such a special house fell on Filmal Realty Corp., one of the show's major sponsors, Ralph Walker and interior designer Nancy Arcega. Both Walker and Arcega work for ABS-CBN.

Except for such Filipino nuances as the façade (inspired by one of Filmal's houses), expensive hardwood furniture by Benjie Reyes, *banig*-wrapped throw pillows and ottomans, and various tribal accent pieces from Palawan, the house strictly followed the specs set by Endemol International.

The Netherlands-based production company is also responsible for breathing life into "Fear Factor."

Based on what Walker, ABS-CBN director for capital projects, provided us, the statistics that went into a seemingly modest-sized property (1,420 sq m and with a ground floor area of 920 sq m) can be pretty staggering.

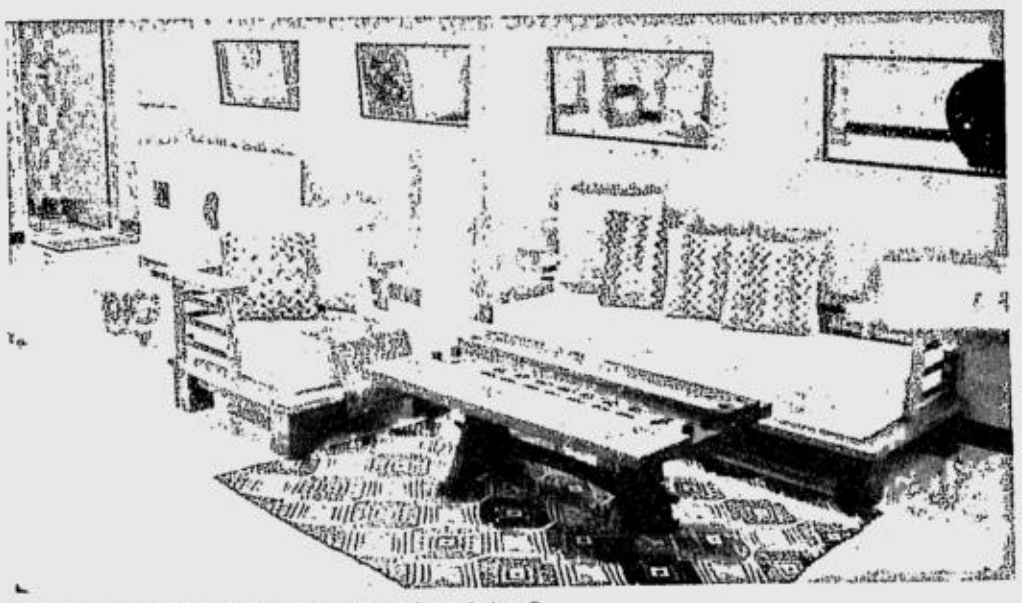
For one, there are 50 TV monitors (and hopefully the same number of remotes) in the house's technical areas. The total length of electrical cables installed is 20 km (almost the entire stretch of Metro Manila), while the total length of wires and cables used for audio and video equipment runs up to 25 km (longer than the distance a car runs between Makati and Alabang via SLEX).

## Power-hungry

The house may be modest by Forbes Park standards, but it's a power-hungry behemoth. The facility has 75 tons of air conditioning, which "Big Brother" can choose to turn off to "heat" things up a bit among the contestants and perhaps reflect the reality of frequent power failures in Metro Manila. If the single toilet can't unhinge them, then perhaps a "brownout" can.

"With that amount of air conditioning, you can already cool 10 to 15 homes," said Walker. "The entire house, which includes the technical and administrative areas, can consume enough electricity to power six to seven average-size homes."

Because every part of the house is being monitored, Walker and his team steered clear of mood lighting. Every nook and cranny, he said, needs to be evenly well-lit for broadcast purposes. And since they needed walls strong enough to hold the view windows, he opted for light but sturdy gypsum boards.



SITTING area near the kitchen has a Pan-Asian flavor.

RAUL Bulaong shows view windows from inside the camera ring.

To minimize echo and expedite repairs, Walker chose serviceable acoustic panels over fancy materials for the ceiling. Such a no-frills material, he said, deadens the echo produced by the hard walls.

"The panels are also easy to remove if ever we need to do spot repairs," he added. "Remember, we're not allowed to be seen by any of the contestants. 'Big Brother' will have to gather them in another part of the house while we do some quick repair."

Before buckling down to work, Arcega brainstormed with director Lloren Dyogi on what design direction to pursue. Both of them agreed on bright, colorful walls designed to complement and not clash with the show's eclectic mix of furniture pieces.

Thus, public areas scream with bright splashes of tangerine, apple green, plum, indigo and salmon, while the boys' and girls' rooms are painted in gun-metal gray and hot pink, respectively.

"It was simply a matter of where to place the colors," said Arcega. "As for the accent pieces, I injected a few Filipino as well as Asian touches into the mix."

Sometimes she seamlessly fuses Filipino with Asian sensibilities. A tapestry fashioned from a collage of Indian fabrics in the living room, for instance, is held in place by a series of slender bamboo poles. Several throw pillows are covered in Thai silk in the most cosmopolitan colors.

On top of such de rigueur areas as the confession room (where contestants get the chance to talk one-on-one with "Big Brother") and the provisions room, Arcega added a uniquely Filipino touch not found in other "Big Brother" houses: a multi-faith altar by the foyer featuring candles, rosaries, a Bible and a Koran.

Even the most hardened agnostic among these competitive souls certainly needs a space to meditate and call on a higher power if he or she is to survive the grueling experience.

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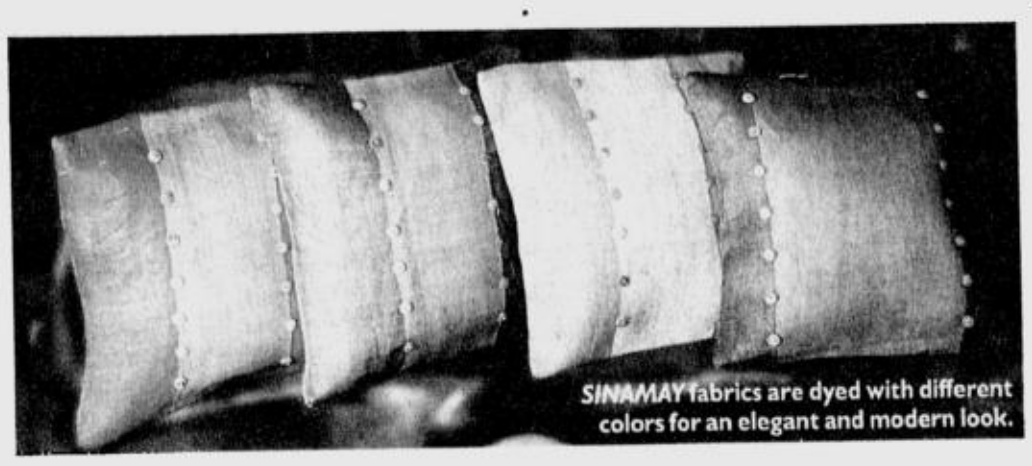
MULTI-FAITH altar is the first of its kind in a "Big Brother" house.



GIRLS are lulled to sleep by hot-pink walls.



SINAMAY fabrics are dyed with different colors for an elegant and modern look.

PURPLE *sinamay* pillow appliqued with framed coco beads

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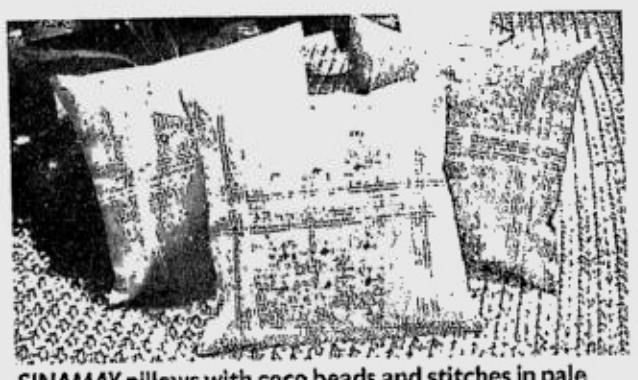
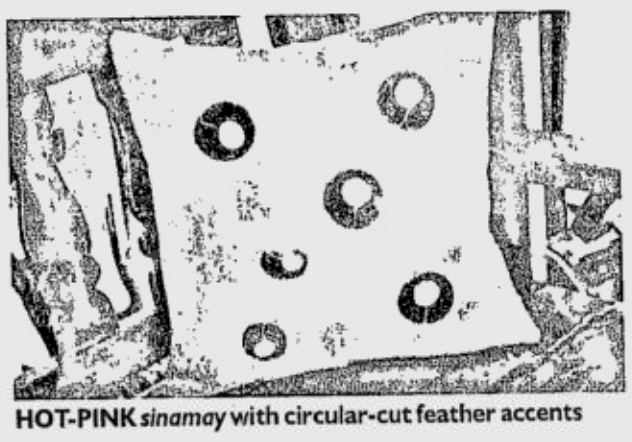


SINAMAY pillows with coco beads and stitches in pale blue, orange and purple



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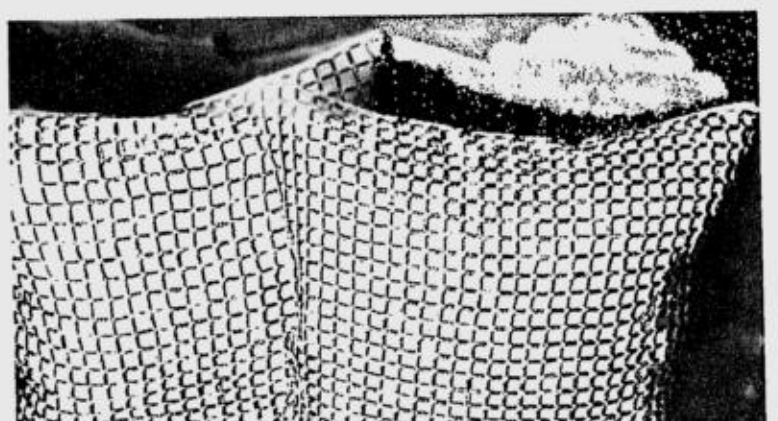

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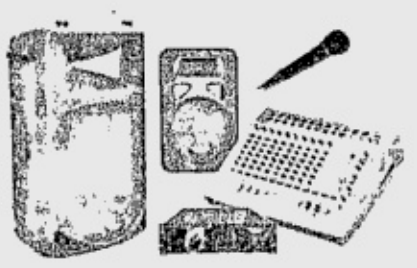

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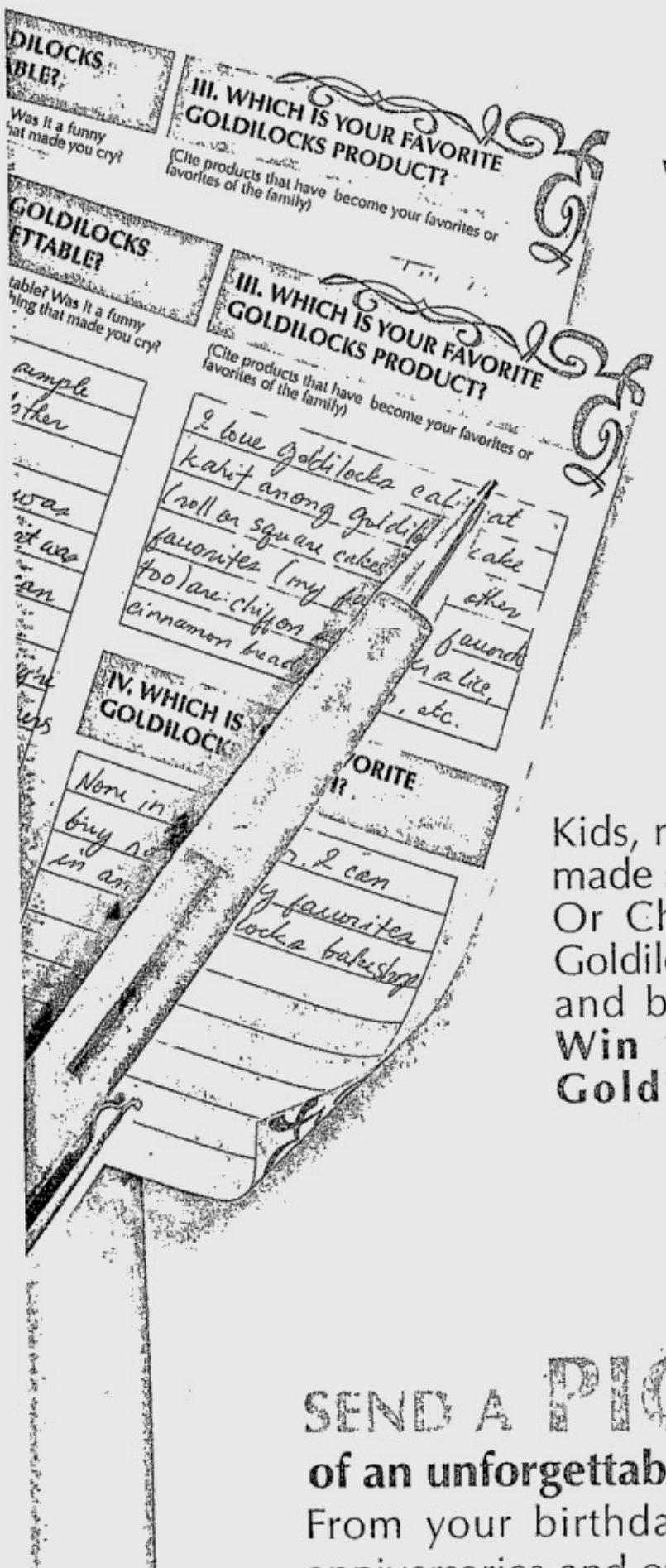


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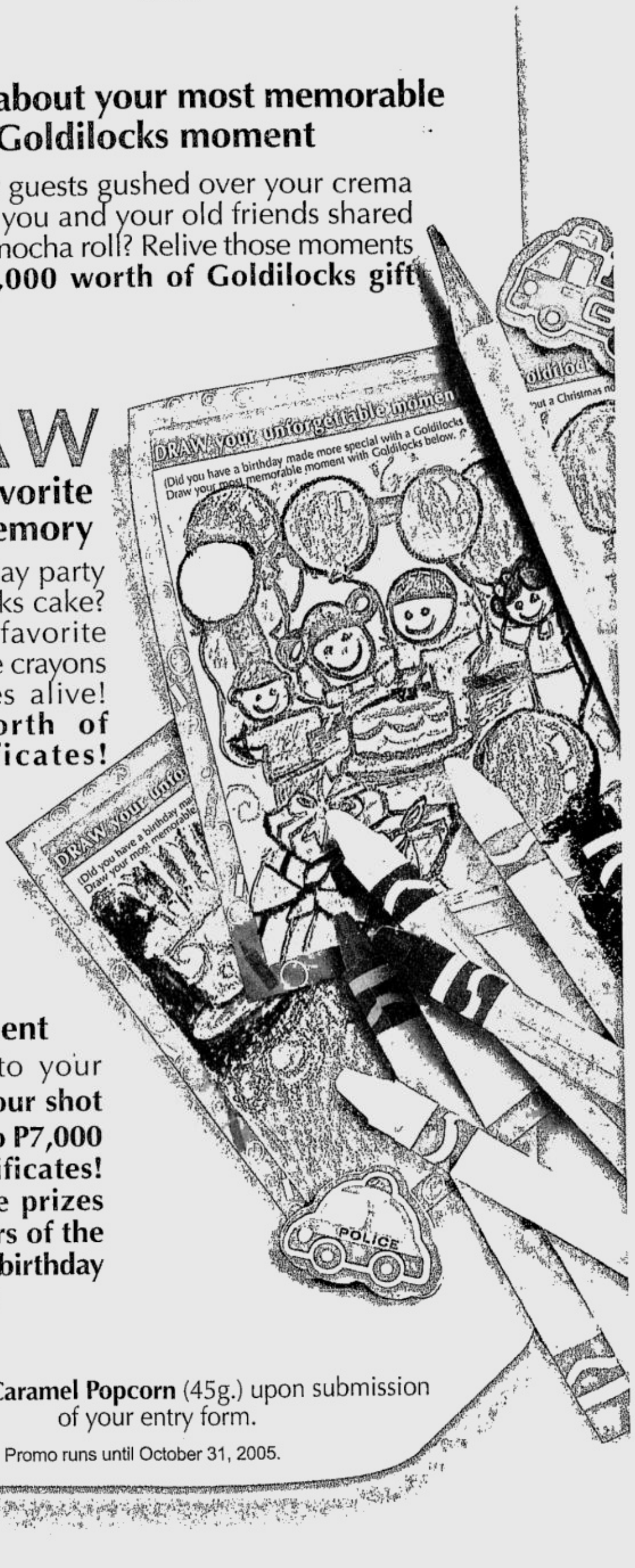


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**Must-read magazine—Men's Vogue.** Mark the date, Sept. 6, as Men's Vogue is set to take over as *the* men's fashion title from longtime heavyweights GQ and Esquire. Heading this momentous task is **Jay Fielden,** who used to work for New Yorker, and overseeing editorial direction is none other than the fashion avatar herself, **Anna Wintour.** Everyone is asking though, for whom is the magazine? Metrosexuals? Gays? And what about straight men? Will they read it?

According to press releases, it's for "the guy on the arms of the women who read Vogue." Okay, the choices are wide, but what comes to my mind is Carrie's (of "Sex and the City") friend Stanford (the gay bald guy). But whoever it's for, this will be a historic publication and may change men's fashion as we know it. On its premiere issue is none other than the debonair **George Clooney** photographed by **Mario Testino.**

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MEN'S VOGUE. George Clooney on the cover of the premiere issue

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# New arrival at the Austrian embassy

DR. WALTER Hoefle and Dr. Wolfgang Harwalik PHOTOS BY BETOY JOHNSON

HAIL and farewell!

Associates and friends in the diplomatic, cultural and business communities bade farewell to Austrian senior trade commissioner Dr. **Wolfgang Harwalik** at a cocktail reception at the Mandarin Oriental. During his eight-year term here, Harwalik strengthened Austria-Philippines ties via trade and culture. He served as vice president of the Johann Strauss Society.

During the reception, Dr. **Walter Hoefle** was introduced as his successor.

## Symposium

The literati and culturati of these fair isles were delighted to attend the dinner hosted by co-vice chair of Ayala Corp. **Fernando Zobel de Ayala** to welcome delegates to the international symposium, "Manila, World Entrepot: 16th-19th century Exchange of Objects" at the Conservatory of the Manila Pen.

The event was described as a gathering of scholars, writers and cultural experts, attended by the likes of **Ambeth, Boy V., Tony Martino, Beniting, Ricky José, Chita Gat,** poetess **Virgie,** and so on.

The three-day symposium organized by the super efficient and pretty director Dr. **Florina Capistrano Baker** was held in July at the elegant Ayala Museum. It focused on linkages and exchanges of objects and influences between Asia, Europe and the Americas during the 400 years of Spanish colonial rule.

Consensus is that we really should do this more often just to relieve the monotony of our politics.

## Tribute

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts, tog with the Cultural Center o Philippines, paid tribute t laudable contributions of th **Purita Kalaw-Ledesma** Philippine art at the CCP's lobby last July 21.

Ms Ledesma, or Tita Pur she was fondly known, was historian and patroness, proponent of Philippine co porary art. She was a fou member of the Art Associati the Philippines and Mu Foundation of the Philipp whose successful advocacy the conversion of three go ment buildings (Congres nance and Tourism buildin the Agrifina Circle) into th tional Museum of the Philip complex.

A short video on Ms Lede contributions and mileston her life was shown durin event that was attended by artists, friends and forme leagues as well as those w life she touched.

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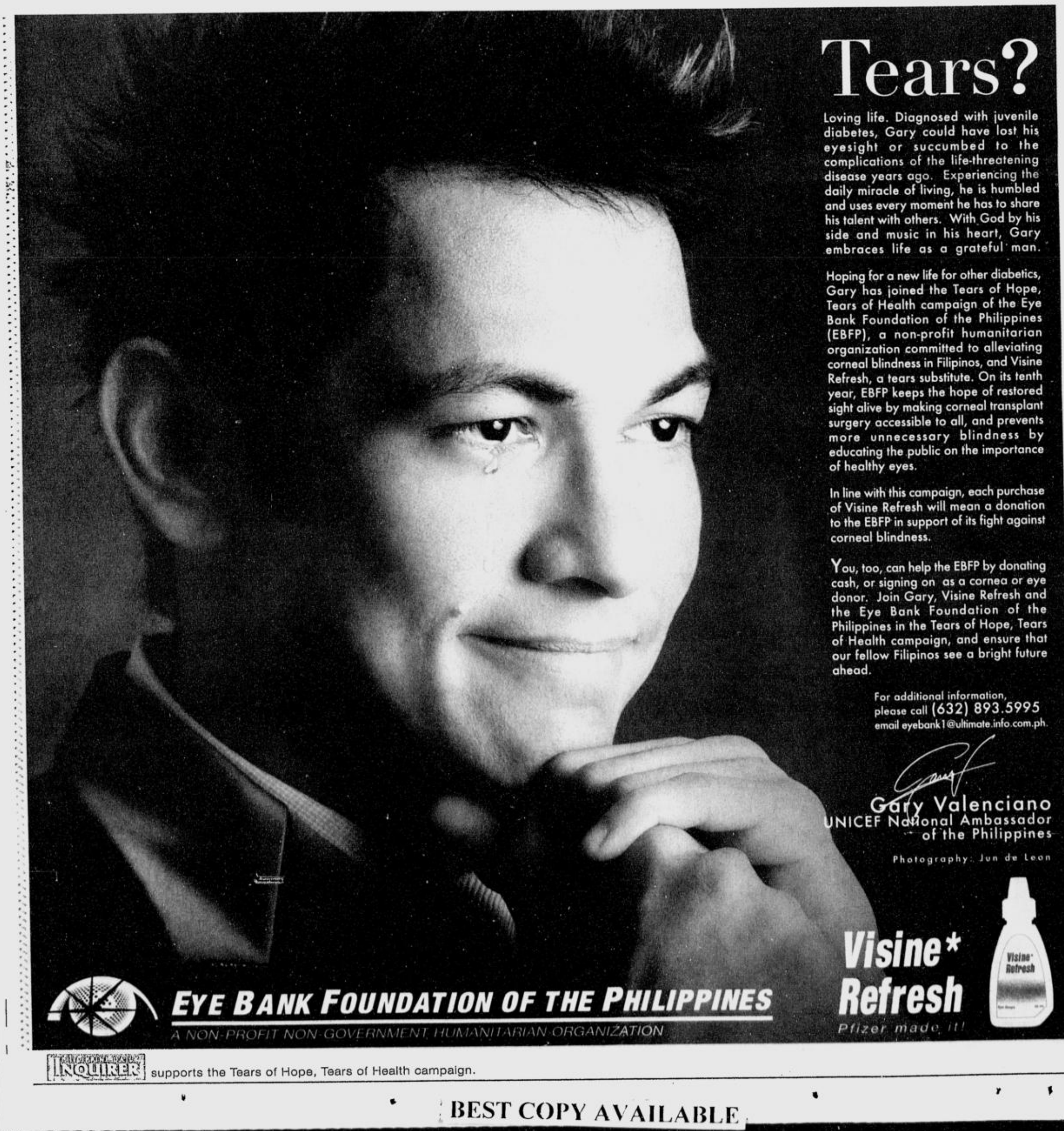



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# Vogue goes male . . .

From page H1

**Michael Bublé back in Manila.** Everything is set for the return of the Philippines' favorite crooner, Michael Bublé. It has been close to two years since he was here last and since then, his popularity has continued to soar. He has appeared on several TV shows and concerts all over the world. He is now an endorser for Starbucks as well.

In his concert he will promote his latest CD, "It's Time," which has sold 2.5 million copies worldwide so far. My favorite songs on the album are "Feeling Good," "Home" and "You and I." I actually believe this is far better than his first one and definitely much stronger and with wider appeal.

Tickets are priced from P800 to P5,000 and are available at Ticketnet, tel. 9115555. Bublé's one-night concert will be held at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 10. You can't miss this one!

**Monique Lhuillier watch.** We still have not gotten enough of Monique Lhuillier. In the latest issue of W magazine, the talented Filipina is featured in a three-page article. Next month, she is all set to open her new boutique in New York beside Bergdorf Goodman and present her bridal and RTW collection.

We hear that several VIPs from the Philippines are queuing up to lend support and congratulate her. The show is on Sept. 13 in Bryant Park, NY.

Likewise, we hear that major changes are under way in her life. What it is, you just have to ask her parents, **Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier.**

**"Queer Eye" coming to Manila again?** When I was in New York, I had dinner with some of the "Queer Eye" guys and their manager, and they told me that they are set to come back in November—not just **Thom** and **Kyan,** but all of them. They had such a wonderful time here and were still on a high when I saw them.

**CONCERT OF THE YEAR.** Michael Buble, one night only at the Araneta Coliseum

Kyan actually came out in a magazine praising the Philippines. He said, "I've never been to a country where the entire population has such a tremendous personal style—from the makeup to the clothes, and especially to the great jewelry!" Hmmm, I wonder who he was talking about...

On another note, we hear that the other "Queer Eye" spinoff, "Queer Eye for the Straight Girl" with Fil-Am **Honey Labrador,** might be canceled.

Oh, well! We can't wait for the Fab 5 to come to Manila.

**Jude Law.** Handsome actor Jude Law has not gotten over his troubles. After his nanny incident, paparazzi stalking him in France caught him with his pants down. The New York Post's notorious Page Six went so far as saying, "In snapshots that recall George Costanza's infamous 'shrinkage' episode on 'Seinfeld,' the love-rat actor's meager manhood is on full display as he changes into a swimsuit outside his mother **Maggie Law's** house in Vaudelnay, France. He's no Tommy Lee, that's for sure."

Well here's what TNT says to that: "It's not the size but how you use it" or "it's a grower, not a shower." But honestly, we are so sure that **Sienna Miller** and the nanny are not disappointed. Down with Size Queens!

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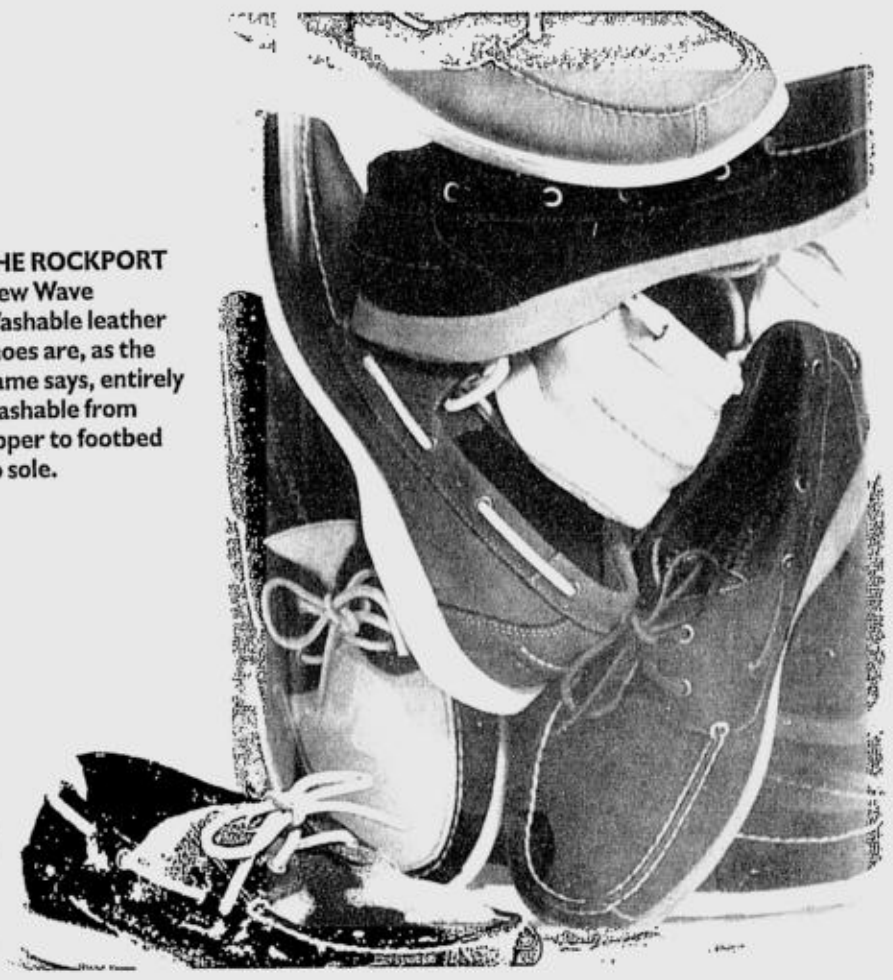

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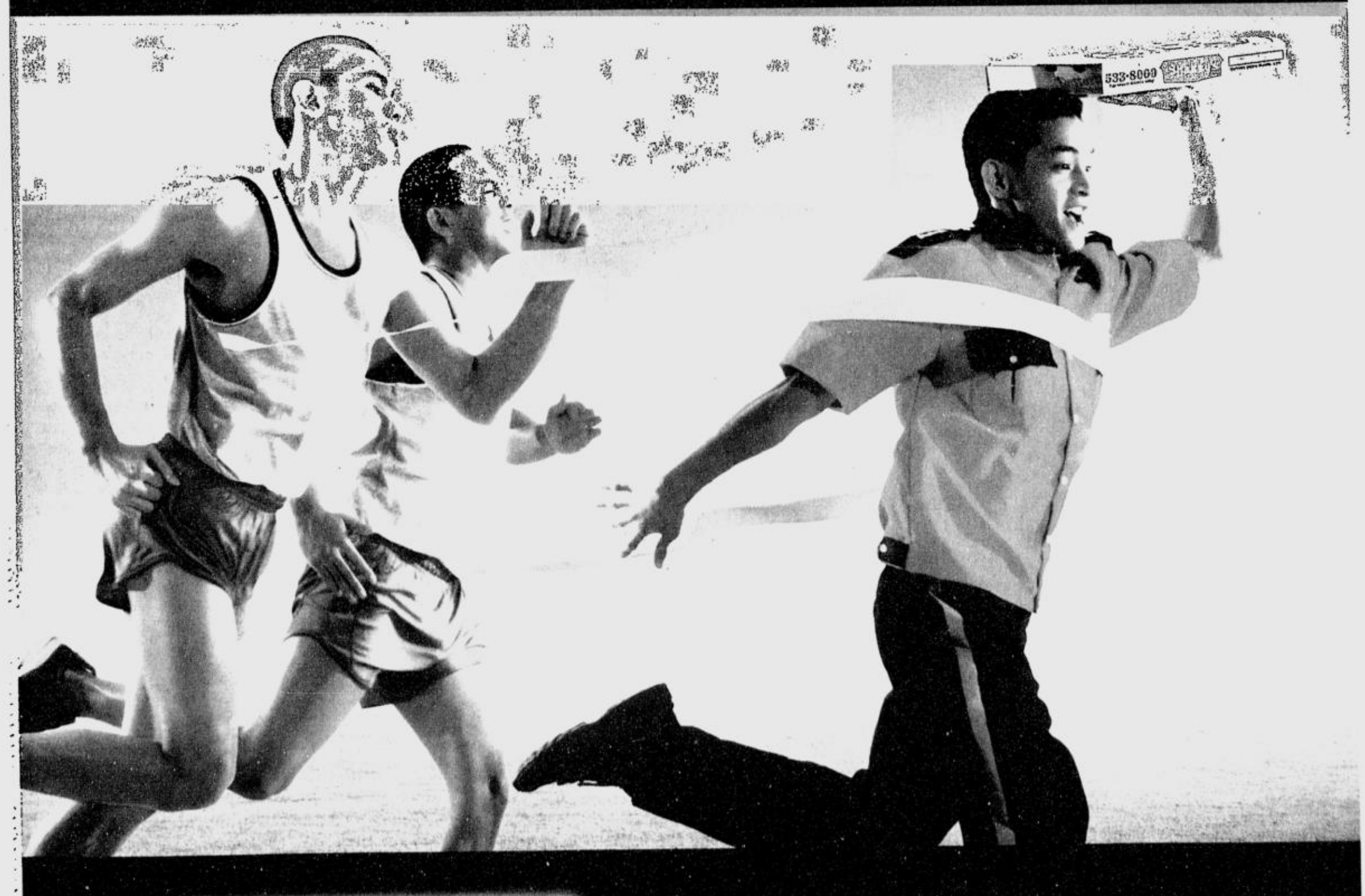


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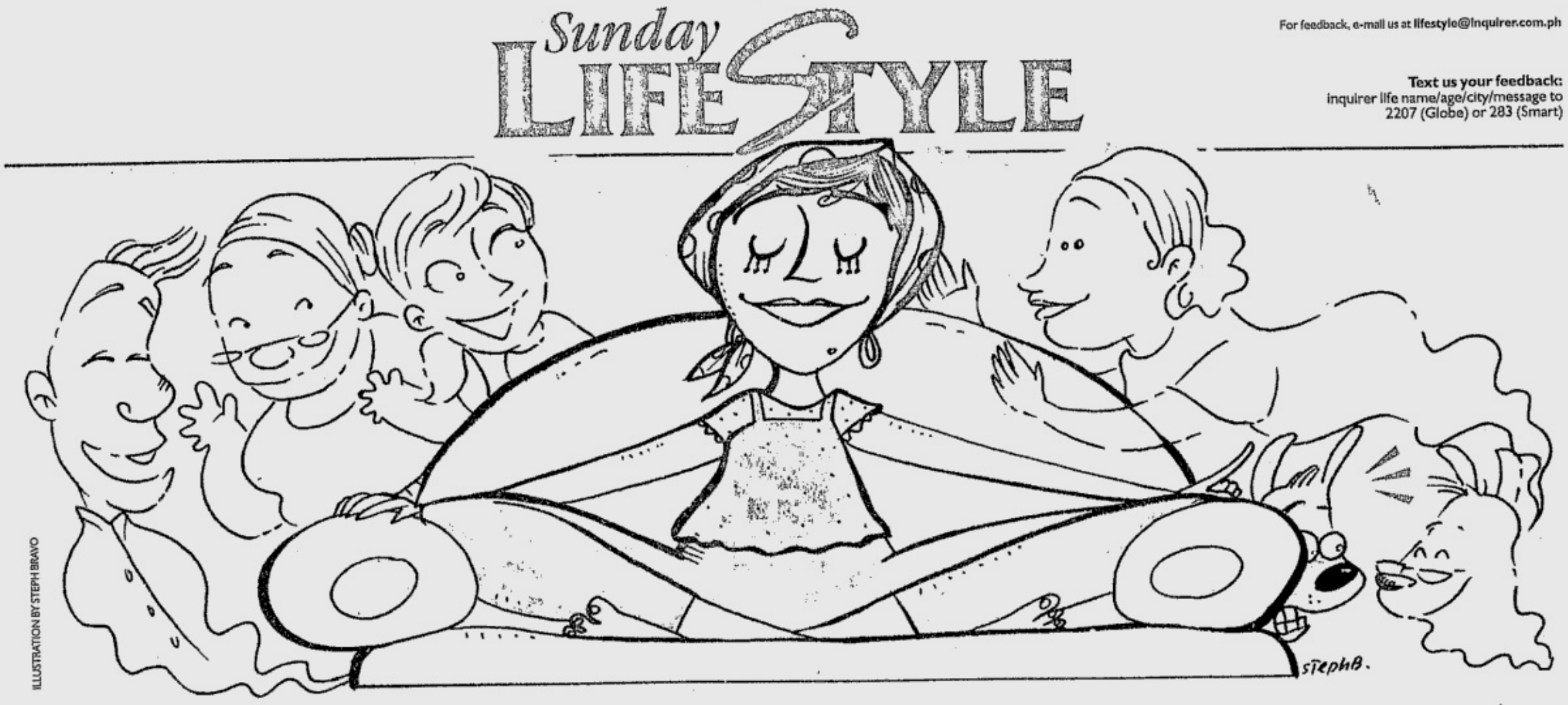

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# Anitos

By Gilda Cordero Fernando

AS we grow older there are more and more of our friends on the other side than beside us here on earth. I remember Sister Brendan who used to lunch in my mother's house on MWF, sharing the same table with my cousin Tente who professed to be an atheist.

**It's very comforting to know there are loved ones all around you, on earth or elsewhere, ready to intercede for you in time of need**

They were contentious lunches with each one defending his side while my mother worriedly piled lasagna on their plates. Tente would attack the pope, the sacraments and the church's stand on contraceptives, with Sister Brendan manning the ramparts of her faith and getting redder than a tomato. When Tente died (quite suddenly), that laid the lunch arguments to rest.

I thought Sister Brendan hated Tente, but no; two years of volcanic lunches had forged links of friendship stronger than an iron chain.

In fact, in times of crisis, Sister Brendan always called on my dead cousin for help. Like, she would call on him when her tamarind and *santol* trees wouldn't yield enough fruit for the orders of preserves the convent had accepted. She prayed to Tente for a replacement when the convent gardener left without notice. (In two days a younger, stronger gardener applied). Sister called on Tente when, puttering around the orchard she would lose her rake (she's 82, after all).

## Go-between

Like the ancient Filipinos, we still pray for our needs to the souls of our dear departed. We seldom talk directly to God, believing that it is always better and less presumptuous to have a go-between.

It is one of my most fulfilling rituals to greet all my beloved in the great beyond the moment I wake up. I sit on the leather easy chair and close my eyes and I feel they are all there, anxiously hovering over me. And I say Hi! to my dear friend Ayi, how's everything up there? And I tell stories to my dad who loves me to kingdom come, which means even there beyond where he's been for 16 years. I ask my mom who's good in business to help me with the theater production I'm underwriting. I say, Ma, don't let me down, *puera palpak ha*? And you just feel they're answering you, loving you, they're happy you're communicating with them.

I say Hi! to Mariel's sister Bette and thank her for lending me all those books that put me on the path. And I say Hi! to Jean Louis, is he at peace now, and Hi! to my uncle JBL, who last year joined them up there. Then I call on Lino Brocka, because he's a director, to help me with that show *ha*? And I remember Ella, who acts, and ask her to inspire the models of my show. Ah, and Lindy, beloved architect, he was a great one for theatricality, help me, too!

On my mother's deathbed last year, I was so proud of my sister Tess who knew how to see a soul through the tunnel of death. She sang all those sacred songs remembered from convent school, joined by me and our cousin Dory and the nurse Nema and the midwives Babely and Judy and all the help. It gave a certain dignity and grace to my mother's departure.

## Heavenly hosts

Then my cousin Dory recited the rosary several times around and called on the heavenly host—angels and archangels, thrones, powers and dominions, bishops, archbishops, and saints like Peter and Paul and John and Mary, down to obscure ones like St. Jerome, St. Agatha, St. Lucy, St. Protase and St. Gervase. *Binulabog ang langit!* I could imagine them up there hurrying and scurrying, feather-dustering and sweeping, preparing a place for our mother Consuelo who was leaving the earth.

But when my turn came to do the praying (Dory had conked out) I knew no saints so I called on my favorite *anitos*—Papa! Ayi! Tente! Lola Pising! Also Aling Charing, mama's friend who got bumped while riding a tricycle, Mama Ne who was always getting coiffeured at the same time as my mom, Lolo Senando, their neighbor in Batangas, and of course, her siblings, all gone before her—Severina, Esteban, Manolita, Maximino—her mother Rafaela who died of consumption and her father Remigio who was a colorful character, her father-in-law Ciso who gave her that beautiful *virina* of the crucifixion that I now own. My papa of course I didn't have to call—I'm sure they had their own communication. Mama herself said that my departed papa often curled up on the sofa in the *sala* waiting for her! It's really very comforting to know that there are loved ones all around you, living on earth or elsewhere, ready to intercede for you in time of need.

Sometimes, of course, I just say Hi! How are you or Have a good day! to them, and nothing else, lest they think I am so mercenary, just asking them to do things and never even inquiring about their lot.

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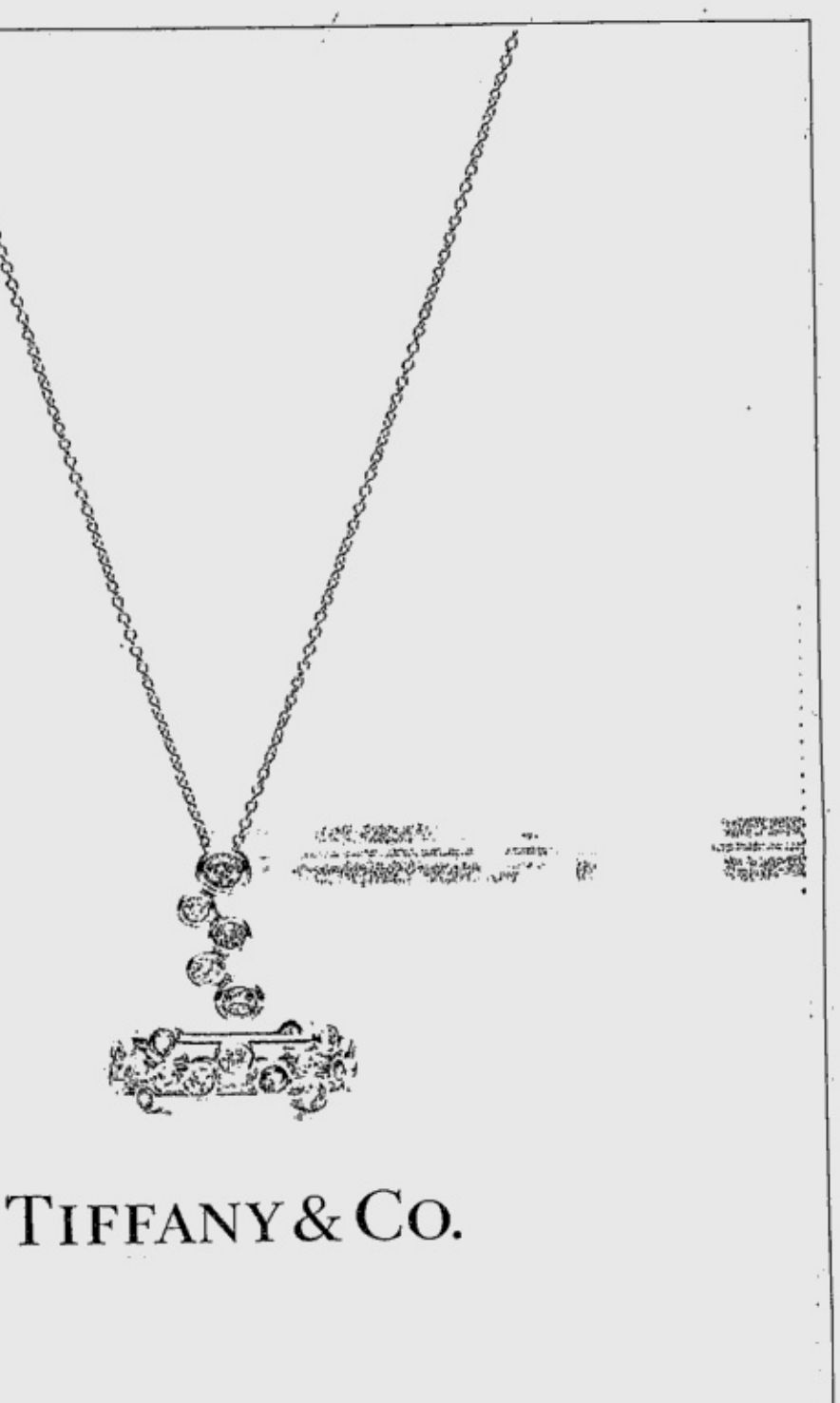

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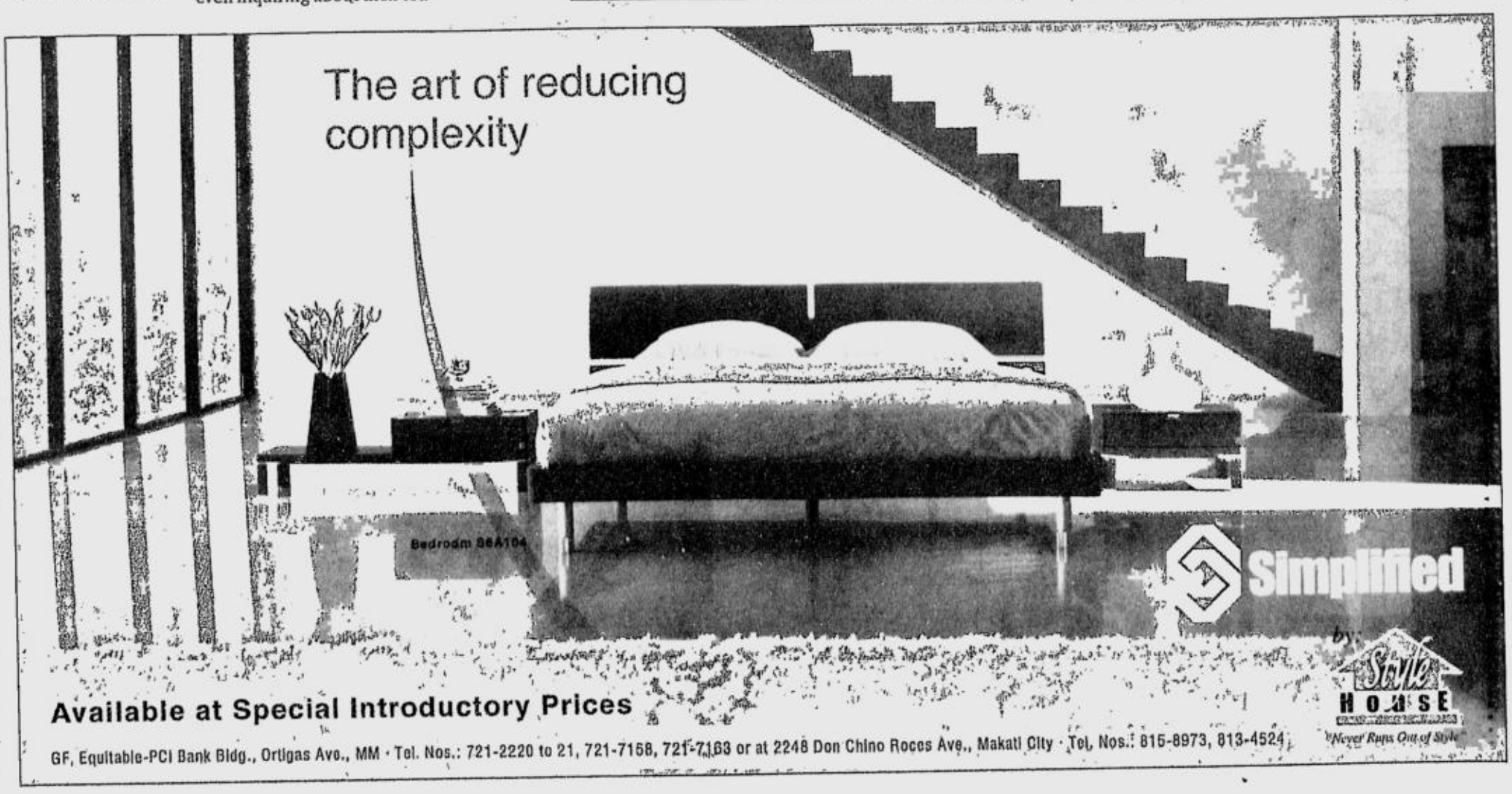


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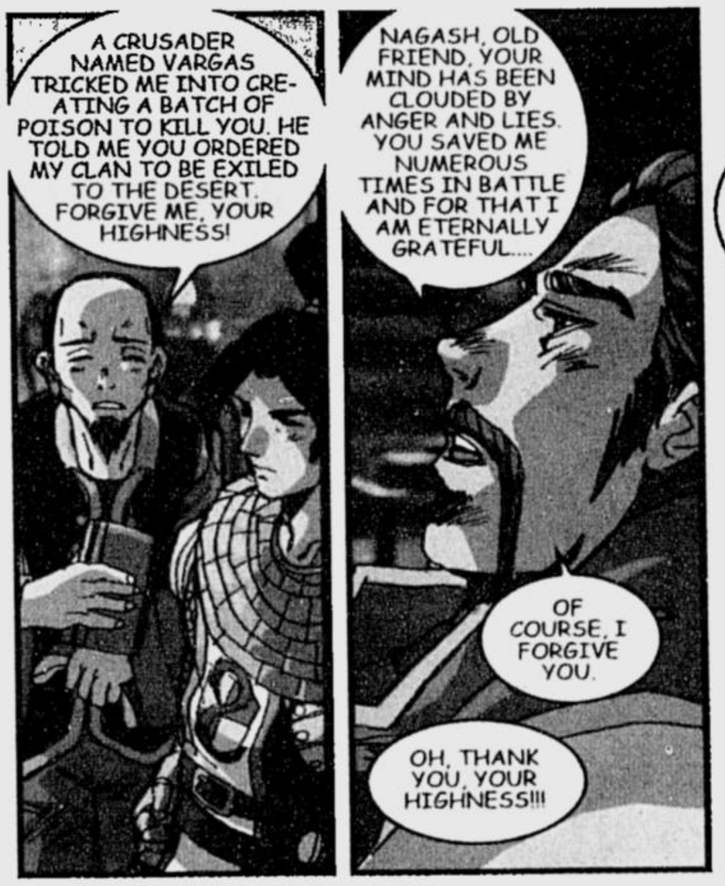

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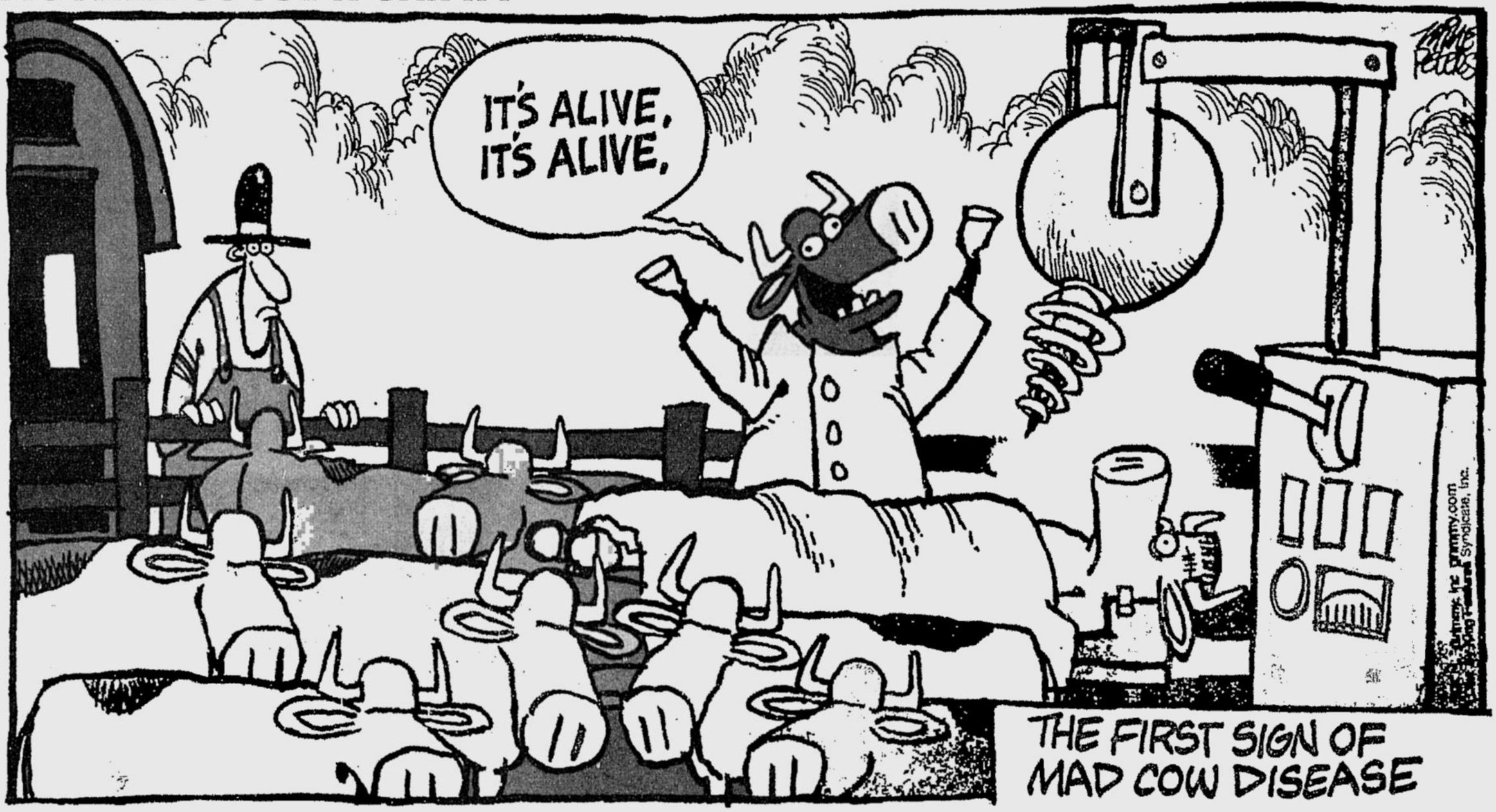


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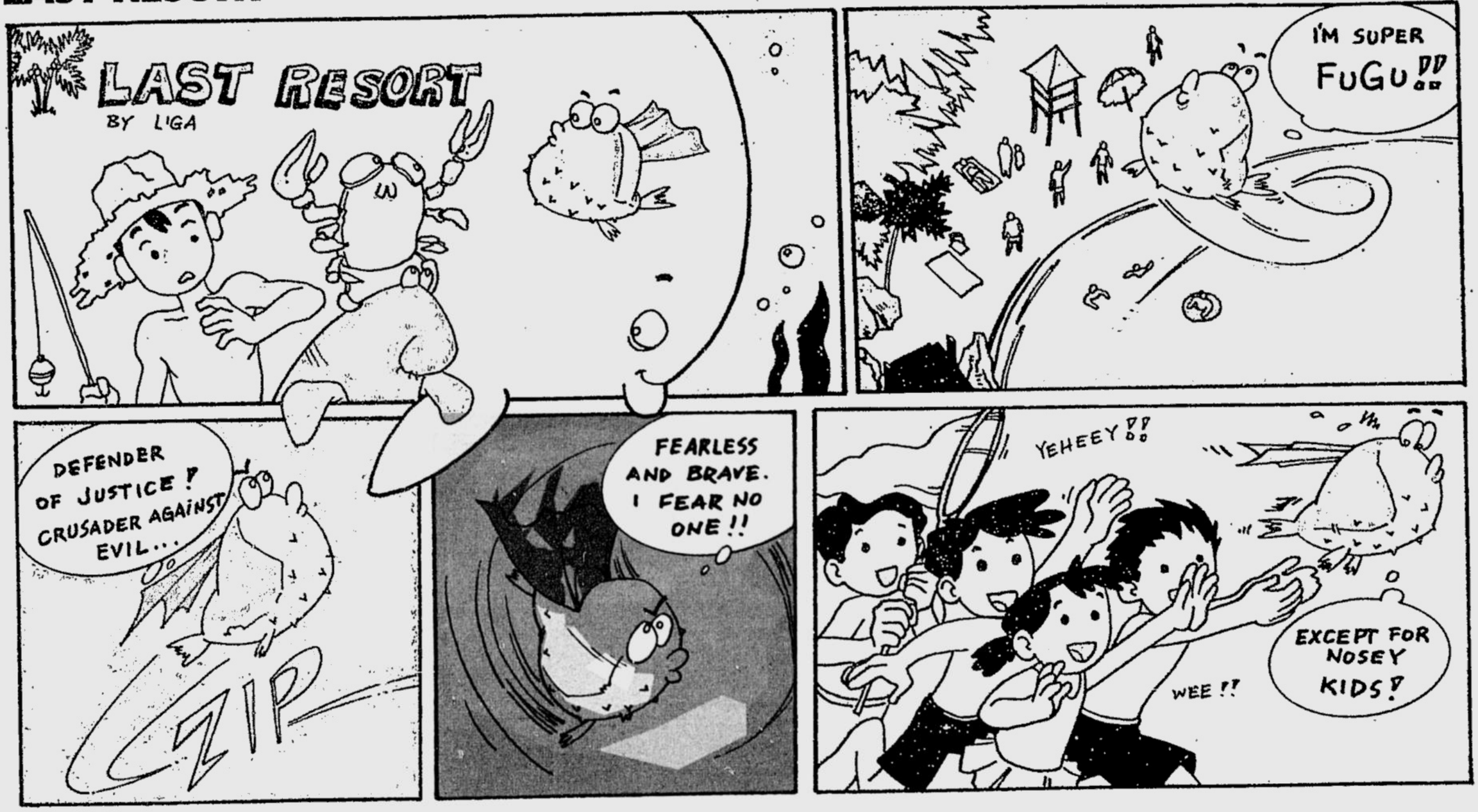


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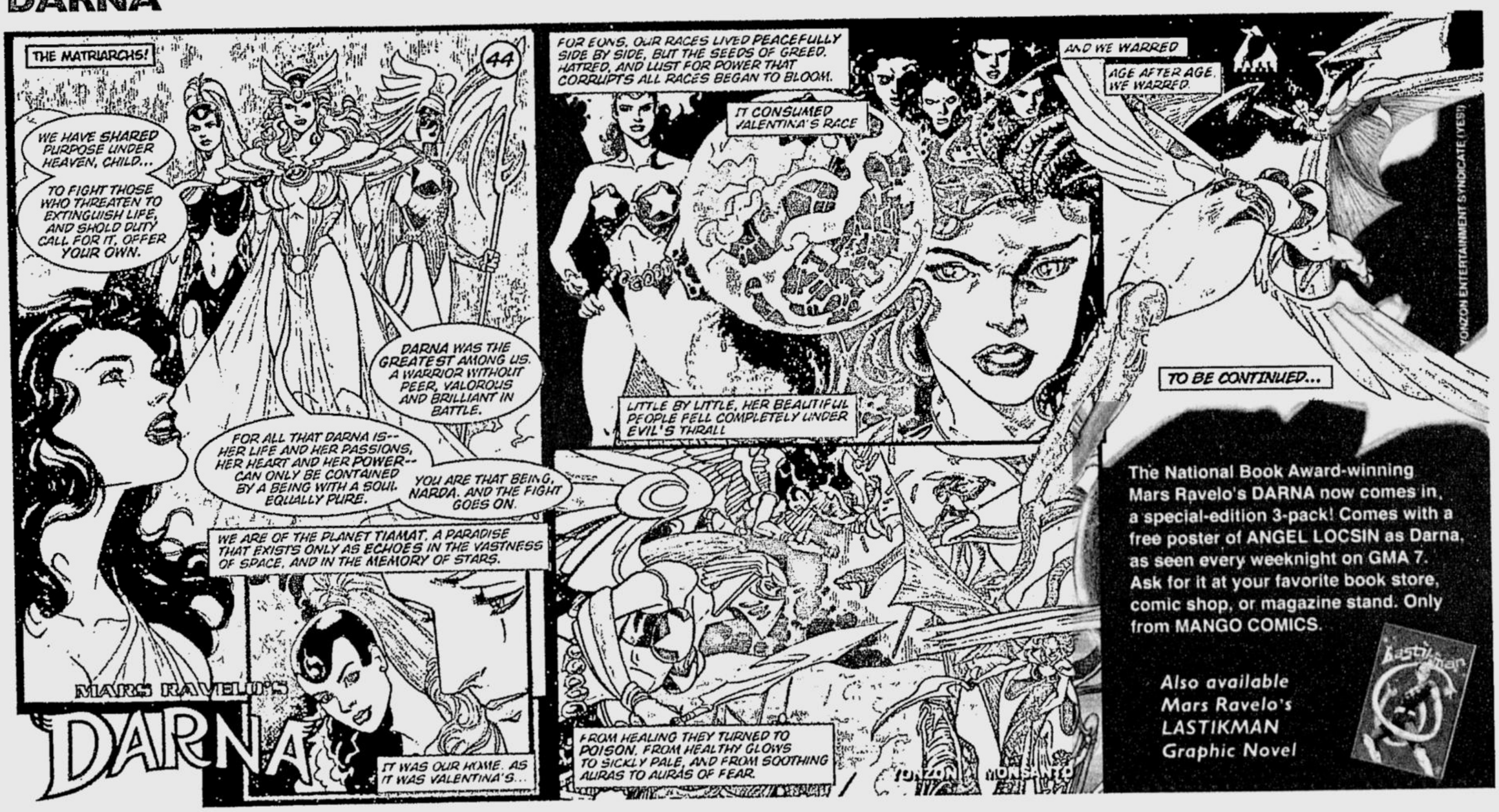


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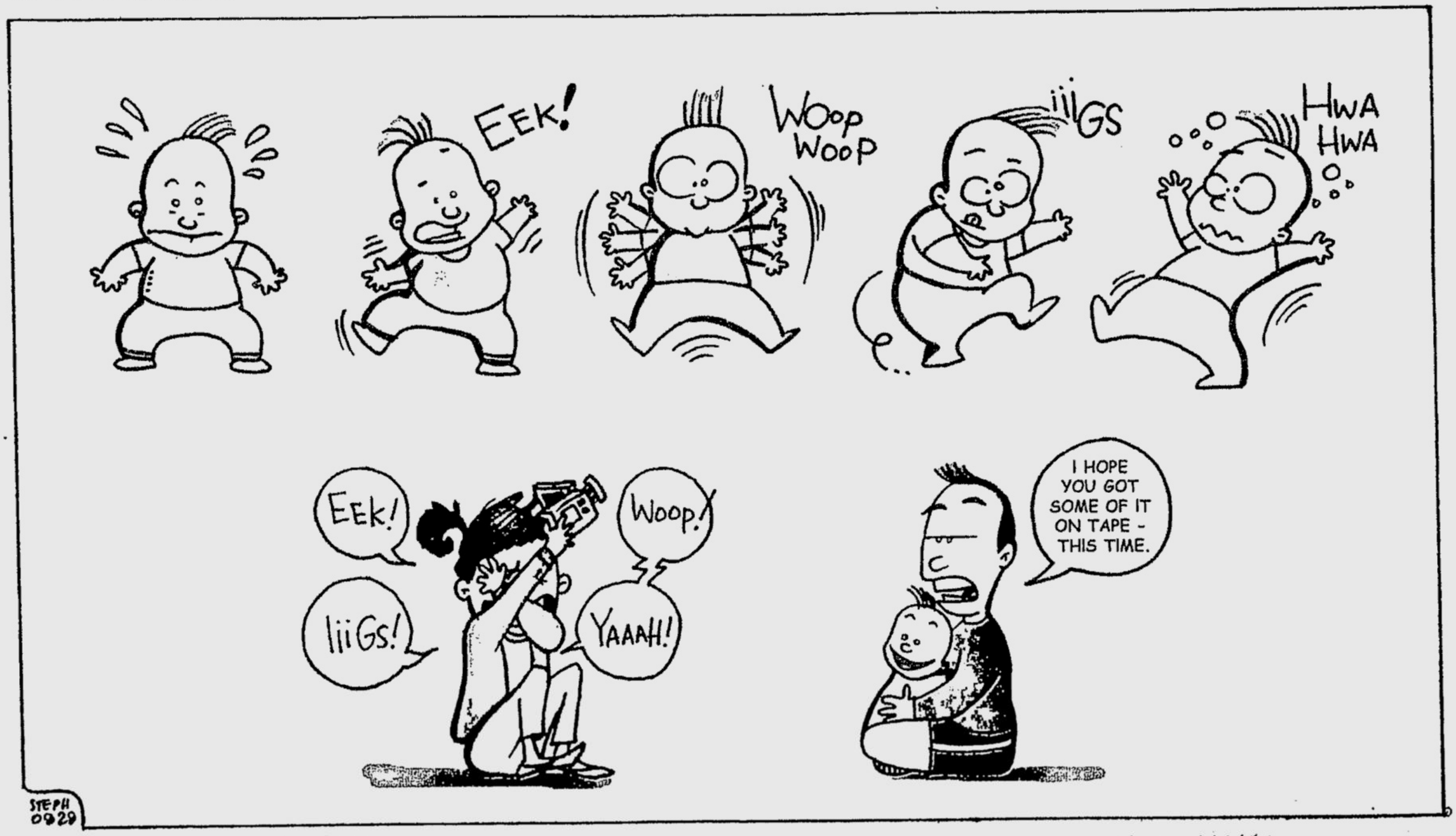


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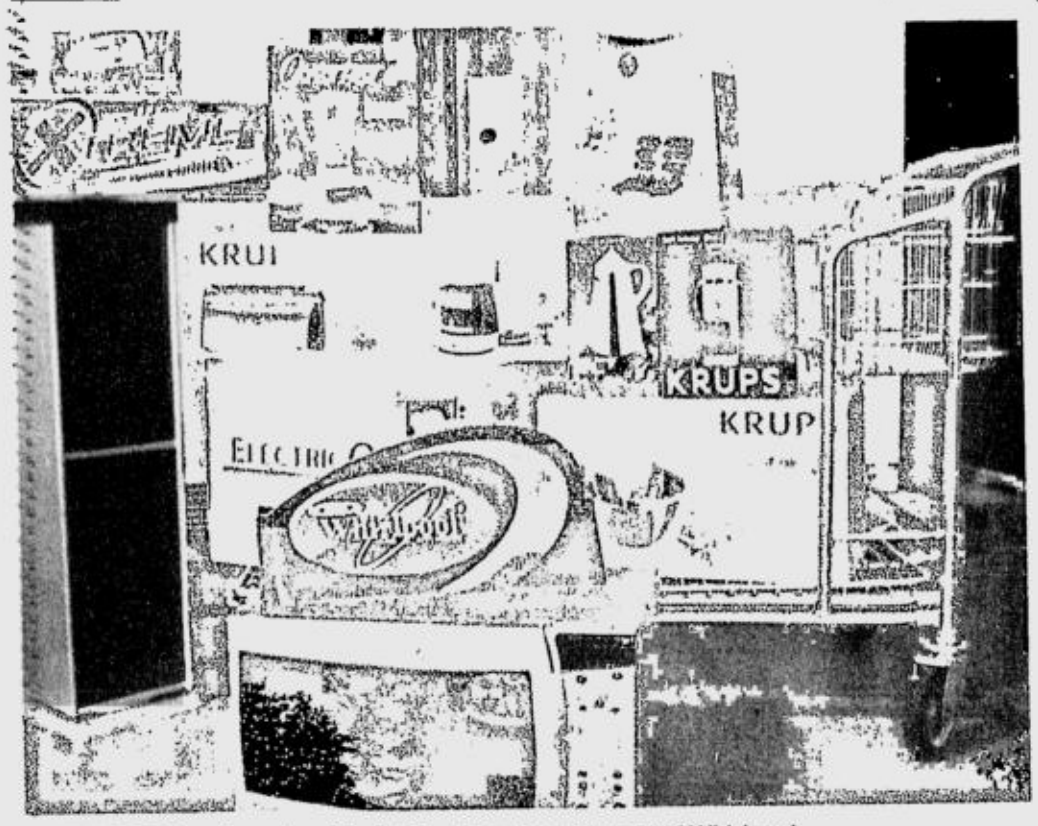


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# 24-hour best-value store in Libis

WITH its great bargains, wide selection of goods and unparalleled shopping convenience, Cost U Less has been attracting more and more shoppers to its 24-hour store in C-5 Libis, Quezon City.

The non-membership warehouse club east of Manila is now open to the public round-the-clock, seven days a week to cater to the needs of customers who have no time to visit the store during regular shopping hours.

Randy Labrecque, Cost U Less chief operating officer, says, "We want Cost U Less to be a cut above the rest. Not all warehouse clubs are created equal and this innovative mode of delivering service is proof of that."

Cost U Less was launched only in December last year but this early, it has carved a formidable customer base for offering value-for-money shopping without the hassle of paying exorbitant membership fees.

Unlike its competitors, Cost U Less does not sell in bulk. Instead, its quality goods are sold retail but at warehouse-club prices.

Moreover, its shelves are filled with local and imported products in practically all categories.

Cost U Less' 6,200-sq-m warehouse has everything from meat, produce, grocery, frozen food and beverage to deli, pet supplies, personal care, paper and cleaning products, home goods and active living gadgets, most of which are preferred brands in their segments.

In the grocery section, some of the great buys include USA Townsend Chicken Thigh, Australian Perfect Mozarella Cheese, Dewfresh Chicken Nuggets, US Amerifood Straight Cut Fries, Doux Chicken Franks with Cheese, and APDC Cheddar Cheese Sliced.

Hard-to-find imported goods such as Jubilee Bathroom Tissue, Sun Laundry Detergent, Lipton Instant Lemon Tea Mix, Arizona Green Tea, Wonka candies, Sun Nut Pistachio, Mazola Corn Oil, Cubbie Care Baby Wipes, Friskies and Max Muscle can also be found at Cost U Less at very affordable prices.

There is also wide assortment of white lines and brown lines, small appliances and office supplies.

Hot-selling items in the fastfood lane include Napoletanos Pizza and baked rolls, Jumbo Japs Japanese food, Uncle Phil burger and fries, with Gloria Jean's hot and cold beverages to boot.

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# *Magic and laughter at the mall*

GET your share of magic and comedy with "The Magic of Curtis," Ayala Malls' third quarter tri-mall event, featuring the talents of world-renowned illusionist Curtis Eugene Lovell II.

Curtis has wowed audiences all over America and Asia with his amazing magic, card effects, mind reading, sleight of hand, and death-defying stunts, all performed with a sense of humor and in a style uniquely his own. He is famous for routines that call for audience participation, making the experience more personal for his audiences.

His close-up magic thus brings an intimate touch. Curtis performs unbelievable feats right in front of his spectators' eyes, and even on their own hands. Biting coins in half and restoring them again, and making wristwatches mysteriously stop running are just a couple of highlights in his huge repertoire.

"The Magic of Curtis" happens only at the Ayala Malls, at the following venues and dates: Ayala Center Cebu Activity Center on Sept. 2 (11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.), Sept. 3 (1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.), and Sept. 4 (11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.); Alabang Town Center Activity Center on Sept. 9, Sept. 10 and Sept. 11 (11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.); and Ayala Center Makati Glorietta Activity Center on Sept. 27 (11:30 a.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.), Sept. 28 (11:30 a.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.), and Sept. 29 (11:30 am, 5 p.m., 7 p.m.).

Catch him also at Market! Market! at Global City in Taguig on Sept. 15 and 16 at 6 p.m.

# Hassle-free 1st birthday party

PARENTS need not plan their child's first birthday for one whole year. In the current issue of Baby Magazine, Malu Gamboa of Milky Way Café writes that 8-12 weeks is enough preparation time. Check out Gamboa's Time Guide for Party Planning in the ultimate guide for new parents, available in all National Book Stores, SM Baby Company Sections, and specialty children's boutique shops.



The magazine, to mark Breastfeeding Month, answers the question, "How do you know your child is getting enough breast milk?" It also features the Jellybean Sling, an affordable and convenient way to carry your baby anywhere that can also double as a changing mat.

In her column called Active Play, Kim Altarejos, a retailer of developmental toys for children with special needs, talks about ways to strengthen a child's emotions through play.

She says parents do not always need professional assistance. They can manage with a few suggested interventions through the use of games and play.

Mayang Sison-Pascual starts a series of articles on developing "hot relationships" between spouses. One of the keys she identifies is knowing one's self first.

Obstetrician-gynecologist Rebecca Singson warns that the dental problems of a pregnant woman can affect her baby.

Dr. Vicki Belo lists five ways, based on her own experiences, to help women cope wit'- stress.

*Yaya* columnist Dr. Donna Pangilinan-Simpao writes that househelp need rest and recreation, too. And they do not always have to go on a day off to have this.

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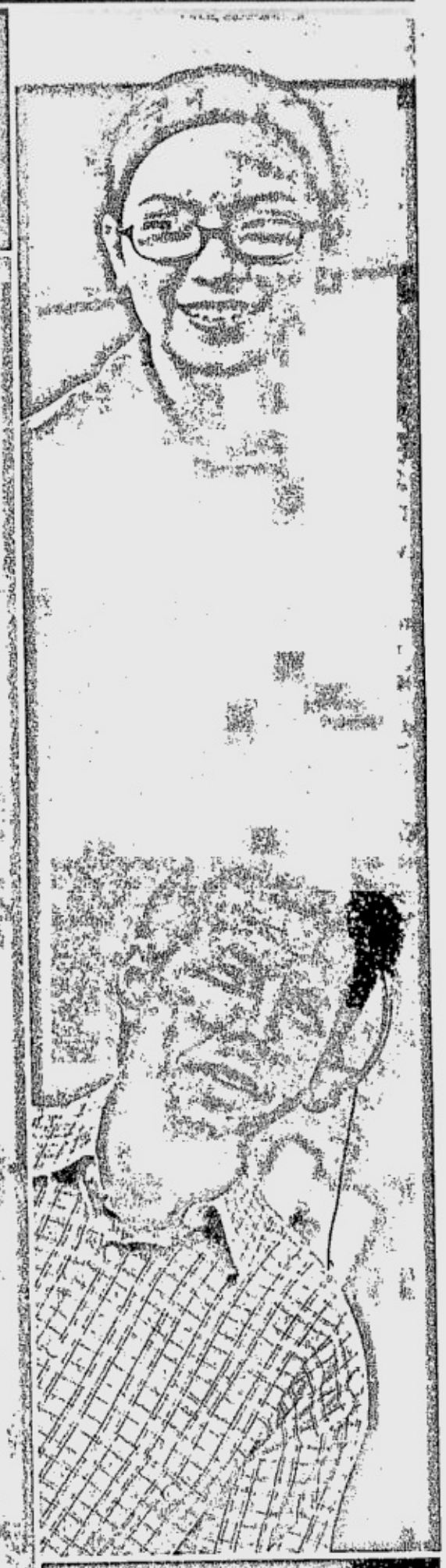

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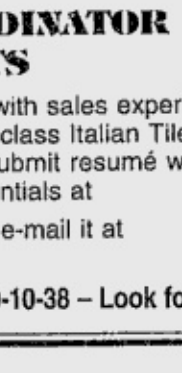

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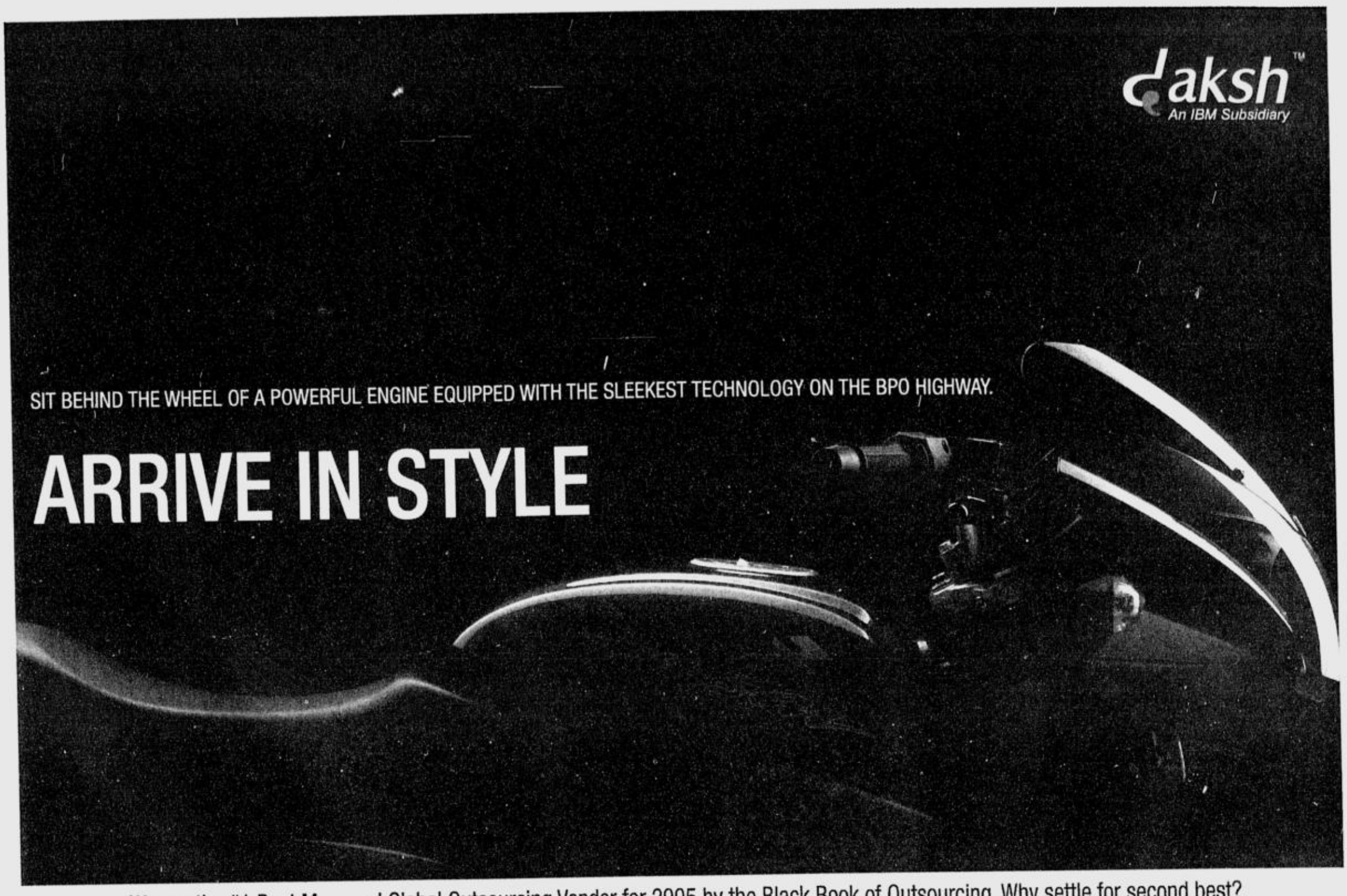


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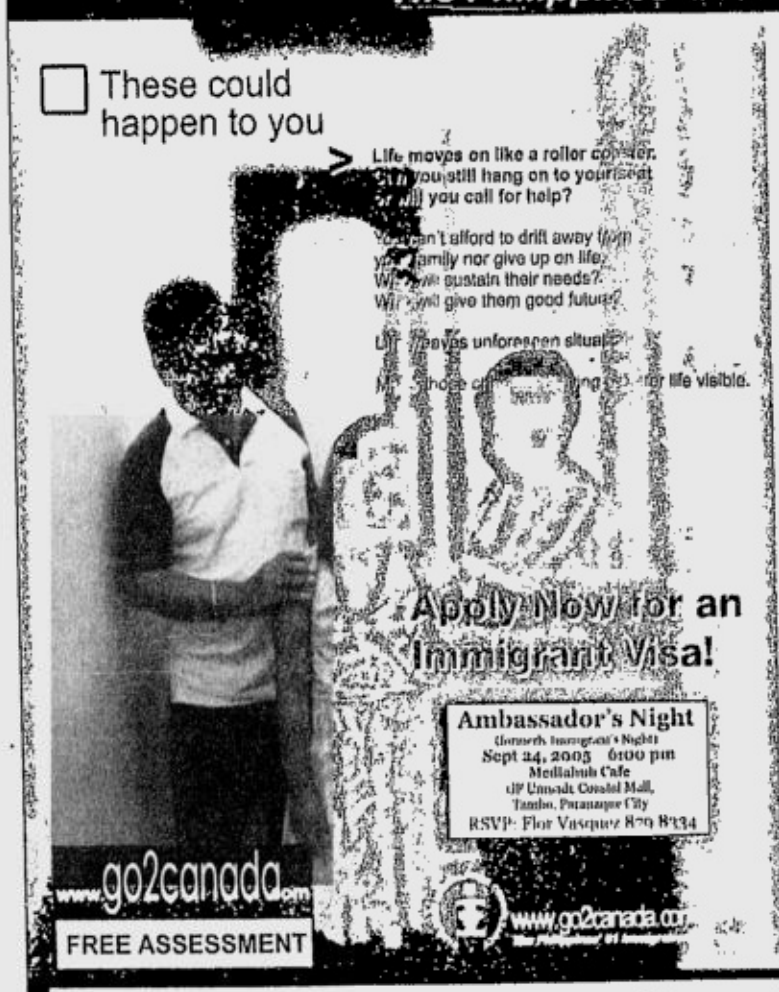


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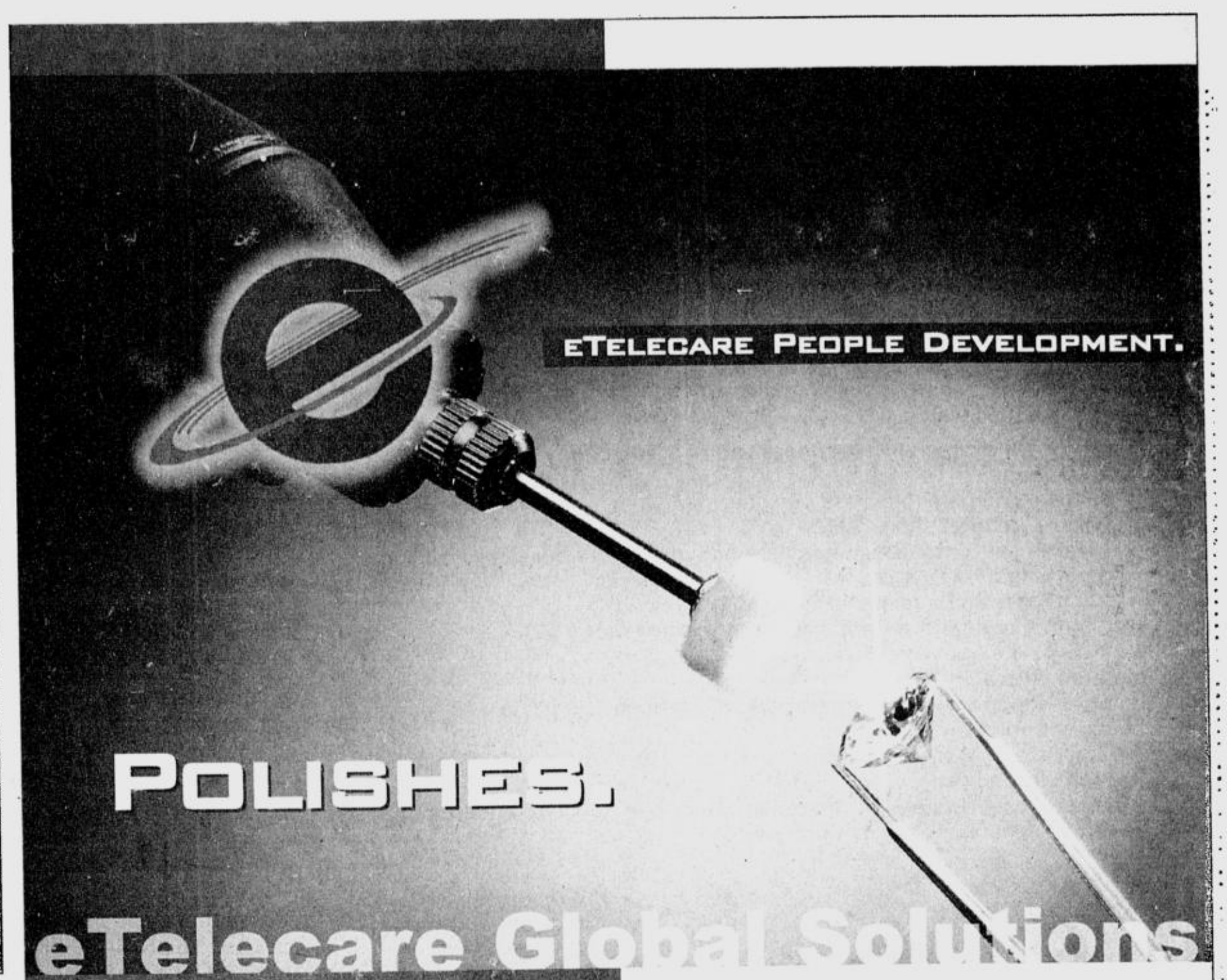


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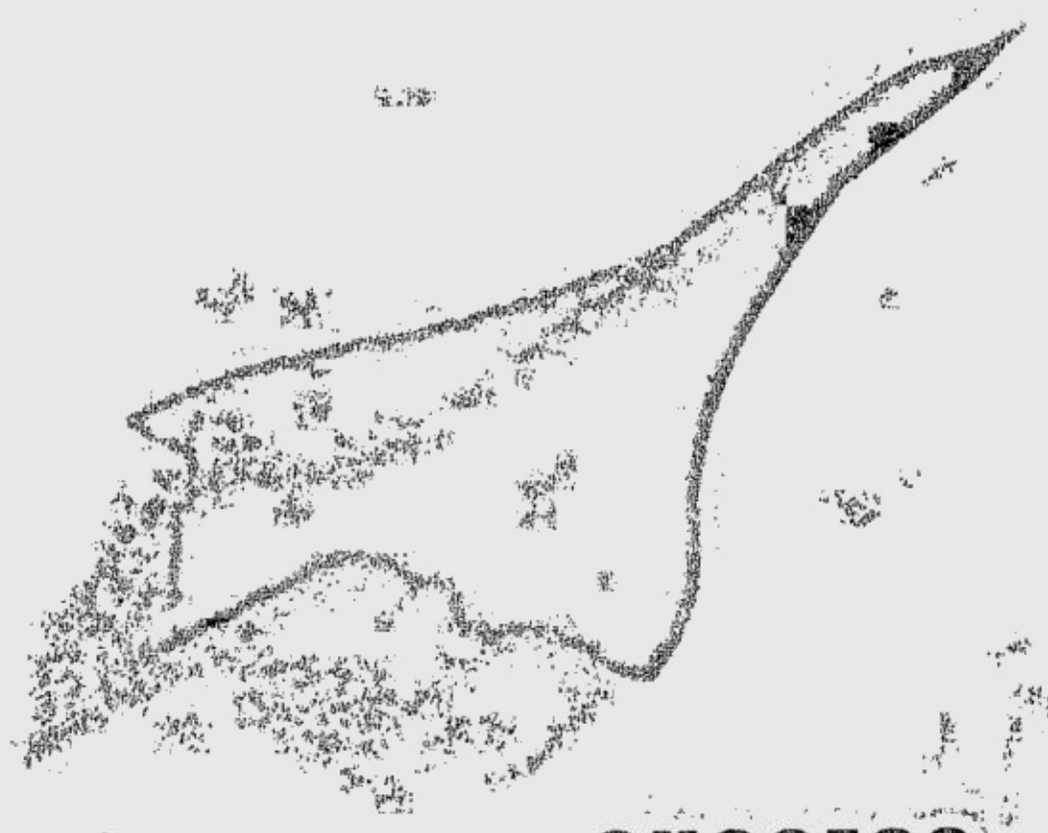

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# Truth-telling while job hunting is a must

By Georgia Adamson

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Quite the opposite is true in the work world. If you lie (or even stretch the truth) on your resumé or in an interview and somehow manage to get hired without having the lie discovered, you may still have to face the consequences at some point, and those consequences can be severe.

True stories abound to support this view. A woman who had lied about having a college degree was employed at the company for about four years. One day, she confided in a coworker about the lie. Later on, the coworker became upset with her and informed management about the true situation. The individual who had lied was fired and escorted out the door, despite the stellar work she had done.

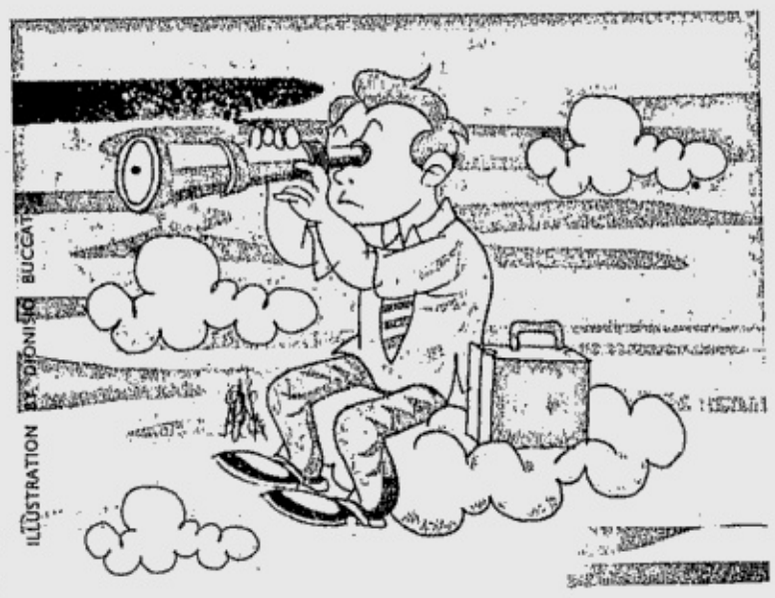
What should she have done? Told the truth in the first place, for starters. Better still, she should have evaluated and communicated her value so clearly that the employer would feel impelled to hire her despite the lack of a degree.

### Offer results

If you are ever tempted to lie about or "fudge" your qualifications to an employer, remember that telling a lie usually has consequences and that if you are honest from the beginning, you won't have to fear exposure later. Instead, you can concentrate on delivering such great results that your employer will hang onto you for dear life!

However, what if you're concerned about the "right" way to handle a situation that you're afraid might sabotage your chances of getting a job, even though it's far from being the crime of the century and doesn't hinder your ability to perform the work?

For instance, jobseekers




have asked questions like the following:

I was 6 units short of my degree but never got it. My wife says I should put the degree on my resumé. What do you think?

I filed for bankruptcy three years ago. How should I handle that?

I had my driver's license suspended a few years ago. Can employers find out, and if so, what should I say in an interview?

### Do's and don'ts

It's to be hoped you don't have any major "skeletons" in your closet, but there are a few things you should know if you have an area you're concerned about. First, be aware that the writer of this article is not licensed to give counseling about employment law or other legal matters. Your best course is to check specific situations with someone who is qualified.

One good suggestion is to investigate what you can and can't do—and what the law says you must do—so you don't get yourself in hot water. If legality isn't an issue, do your best to determine whether withholding the information could come back to haunt you later if you're hired or cost you a job opportunity upfront if you volunteer the information. Then, consult with an appropriate professional on how to handle it, whether that's a resumé writer, a career coach, a counselor, or someone else.

### Don't overdo it

The standard courtroom question about telling "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" comes into play here. While telling the truth is the recommended action, you do not have to expand your statement into a wealth of detail that may be irrelevant to your candidacy and involves much more information than the employer needs to know.

For example, if you took time off to care for a terminally ill family member, you might account for the time in your resumé by saying something like, "Managed an urgent family situation which has now been concluded." You might not be asked about that in an interview, but if you were, your response could be, "I took on full-time responsibility for handling all the needs of a seriously ill relative until that support was no longer required." Further details shouldn't be necessary.

Remember, you don't want to raise red flags unnecessarily—for example, if the situation you're concerned about would have no effect whatsoever on your ability to do the job you're applying for, you might choose not to bring up the situation. On the other hand, you don't want to be considered unethical or deceptive by withholding information employers might feel they had a need or right to know. Finally, you might be surprised at what information can be checked, so whatever you do, don't lie!

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# 'My boss makes my job difficult'

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monotony, lest the jobholders suffer emotionally. Worse, jobs that do not need decision-making are usually outsourced to third-party handlers.

### Challenges

So, while it is nice to simplify your job, there is merit in making it a little more difficult, complicated and challenging. How do you do that?

Here are some tips:

1. Find out from your boss exactly what results, not tasks, are expected from you. Produce results—do not just perform tasks.

2. Do routine jobs using different ways to produce the same results. Try new ways, as long as you produce the results expected from you.

3. When you think you have mastered your job, ask your boss for more difficult assignments. You may join a task force or committee tasked to do something new to you. Be sure to contribute results.

4. Ask your boss to assign to you some parts of his job that you can learn to do. This will make his job lighter and you can learn new skills. When he gets promoted, you have an inside track for promotion.

5. Develop the reputation as someone who does not shrink from responsibility and who craves for difficult assignments.

6. Try to look at the big picture always. Understand the details of your work or your assignment, but have a bigger perspective always.

7. Always know the reasons why your job is done, in addition to how your job is done. When you know the "why," it is easy to devise the "how."

8. Always look for opportunities in every problem.

9. Do not bring problems to your boss—offer solutions.

10. Always simplify your work, but yearn for difficult situations that will enhance your thinking, analytical and problem-solving skills.

In reality, life is so simple. Most people just want to live it simply. On the other hand, some people want more challenges. Either way you want it, life usually gives it to you. In the end, it's your choice.

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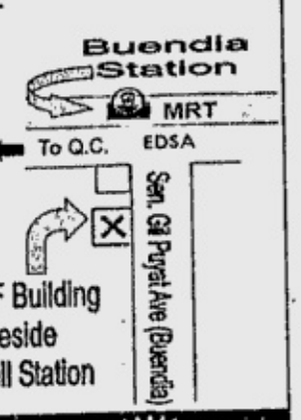


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# Prepare for interview questions that recruiters usually ask

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questions do not only serve the company but more particularly the candidate as these clarify the candidates' own career path and long range life and career goals."

Lim suggests that you should be able to show sincere interest for the position or at the very least, the industry in which you are applying for. He says that the best way to manifest interest is to state that you intend to pursue a career along this field. In other words, you must be able to convince the interviewer that this is what you really dreamed of doing all your life. Thus, before you step out the door to head to your interview, it would be a good idea to reassess your goals. What is it that you really want? Some people go through life not really knowing what they want. If you can't see yourself crunching numbers but would like to be a financial planner for the money, then you're in it for the wrong reason. Step back, close the door and save everybody time.

Similar questions to prepare for include: What are your career goals in the next three to five years? How do you see yourself five years after being considered for the position? Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

2. **Why the interest in joining the company?**

After determining if you really are committed to the job, your prospective employer would like to know if you will be committed to the company. According to Vidal who is in charge of recruitment for eTelecare, your interviewer would like to know what brought you to the company. Knowing what attracted you to the company will reveal your sincerity. "This will establish whether the candidate is just plainly looking for employment other than what he or she can do for the company as much as what the company can also do for him or her," adds Lim of URC. Lim recommends knowing the company you are applying for. Be familiar with the organization's vision, strategic objectives and values. Get to know the company culture. Research and ask around. See how your own values and objectives align with that of the company's. "Equally important as well as how the position being applied for contributes to the overall attainment of the company objectives," says Lim.

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"In doing your research, visualize how you will fit in the organization. Fit with the company, not with the job alone, must be there," reminds People at Work's Ask Your Career Counselor columnist Ernie Cecilia. "Jobs are dynamic and can change overnight; so find a fit with the organization." This way if your department gets dissolved, you are still ensured of a job in other areas.

Vidal of eTelecare also suggests preparing for similar questions like: What is it about the company that attracted you to apply? What is "pushing" you (if any) to entertain/apply in the company? In a scale of one to 10, what is the level of motivation to move to the company? What could be another career for you? If motivation is below 10, what will make it a 10?

3. **What is your idea about the job that you're applying for? What made you interested in the job?**

Knowing the job you are applying for exhibits enthusiasm, credibility and sincerity. According to Nicanor P. Esguerra, Jr., senior recruitment officer of Convergys Corporation, being sure of your job expectations clearly illustrates your interest for the position. This also means that you know what you are getting yourself into and are ready for the responsibilities of the job.

Ask around. Interview people who hold the same position you are applying for. Research on the responsibilities of the designation. After doing so, evaluate yourself. Do you really have the proper background or the skills to rise up to the challenges that the position might bring? If not, do you at least have the interest or passion for the nature of the job?

"Find out exactly what kind of position is being filled up by the organization," shares career counselor Cecilia, president of EC Business Solutions and Career Center. "Find out the job specs; match them with yours. Be truthful; don't invent things that aren't. But highlight only what the recruiter s looking for, so you ensure a perfect match."

*(To be continued next week)*

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# How to deal with a verbal warning

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appointment to discuss your progress at a reasonable interval. See this as a continuing dialogue, not just a one time slap on the wrist.

Should you challenge the warning? Not all warnings are fair or appropriate. If, the above steps have been taken and you were treated unfairly, you might want to talk to your boss or HR about the warning. Although it is just the first stage of discipline, it does go on your record so you shouldn't blow it off. If the situation persists unfairly, make sure your resumé is up-to-date.

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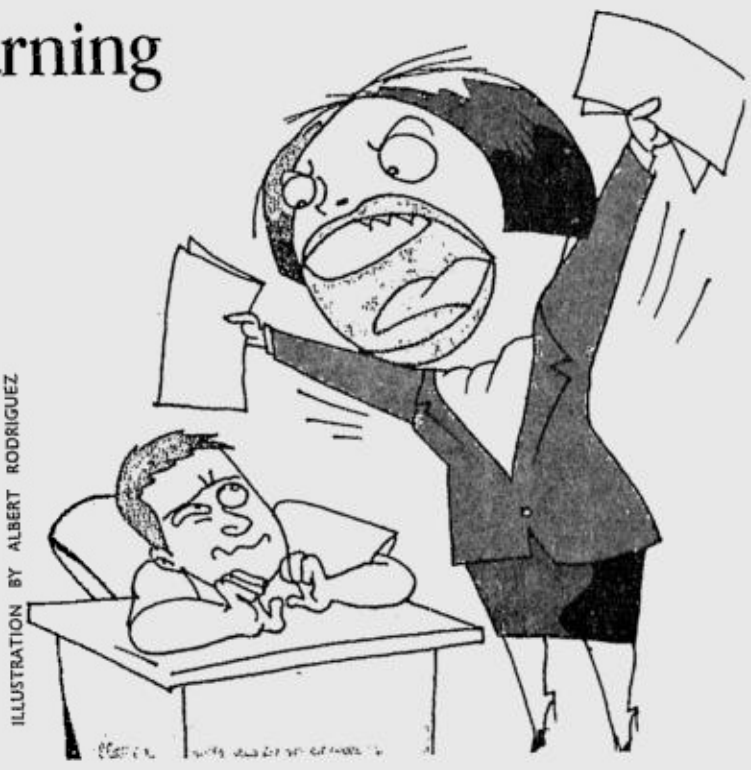

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# 'My boss makes my job difficult'

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

**I AM a senior marketing staff in a large consumer products multinational company. Sometimes, I get confused with my boss who wants to make everything simple. He always tells me to simplify my work, but most of the time he complicates it by giving me additional work beyond the normal scope.**

**I want to go up the organizational ladder. Can you give me some tips on exactly what to do about my job and my boss? Should I make my job simple? How can I make it simple when my boss makes it complicated?**

**Please understand that I don't want to antagonize my boss but I also want to simplify my life and my work.**

**Simple-Minded**

Life is not always black or white. There are shades of gray. In work and career, things are not always what they seem to be. When you think you know all the answers, somebody will change the questions.

Job descriptions are not always complete. In fact, most job descriptions tell jobholders what tasks they are supposed to do—not the results expected from them. In short, job descriptions tell you what you should do—not what needs to be done. Jobs are dynamic and job descriptions don't tell you what needs to be done, especially as time changes.

If you are looking at your job as simply bounded by your job description, you will always get the feeling that your boss is giving you work beyond your scope. To be effective in your job, always factor into your work plan the changes, rush work, and spur of the moment assignments that you get from your boss. At the same time, you must be able to focus so that you do not lose sight of the real essence of your job, which is to contribute to the results expected from your boss.

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**Explanations**

Here are a few harsh realities and some explanations for these "strange" situations at work.

First, unless your boss benefits from the results you produce, he will not be interested in what you are doing. The reason he passes on additional work to you is to ensure that what you do is helping him achieve his job's goals. Your job and his job must be intertwined. Otherwise, your job will have no relevance in his organization.

Second, jobs that are routine and not complicated do not get enough points to rise in the hierarchy of jobs. Most routine jobs are in the lower rung of the organization's totem pole. The more complicated jobs belong to the key people who have to contend with uncertainties and constantly changing environment and directions.

Third, routine jobs can be boring and demotivating. Today, routine jobs are being reengineered to remove the

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# Prepare for interview questions that recruiters usually ask

By Candy G. Villanueva
*Contributor*

THE INTERVIEWER looks at you with what seem like x-ray eyes. Squirming under his scrutiny, you fidget with your sweaty fingers while summoning every inch of will power to refrain from biting your fingernails. He starts to ask you a question. You open your mouth and start with "I ..." Suddenly you realize you don't really know what to say. You close your mouth defeated, sink into the chair and wish that the cushion will swallow you whole. How do you answer a question like that? Better yet, shouldn't you have anticipated that question? Did that unanswered question just cost you your dream job? You think that maybe you should have come more prepared? But how do you prepare?

The good news is most recruiters and human resource personnel more or less ask the same questions. That's because they all want the same things: honesty, reliability, efficiency, loyalty and trustworthiness. We make no guarantees, but by answering your questions with more questions, we hope to help you face the battle. And who better to ask these questions than the questioners themselves? Here are some questions human resource professionals say they frequently ask in interviews.

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1. **What career do you see yourself getting into and why? Is this the job for you?**

The only way you and your prospective employer can know for certain is for you to determine your career goals. Do you see yourself writing great stories that will inspire future generations? Then, eyeing a spot in the financial industry may not be the best idea. Knowing this early on will save you and your prospective employer precious time. "This question establishes the career aspiration of the candidate. It establishes the motivation of the candidate in applying for the job and will give you an idea of whether or not the candidate will stay long in this particular field," explains Nic Lim, director of human resources for Universal Robina Corporation (URC). For someone who's been in the HR business for over 20 years now, he knows what he's talking about. According to this HR veteran, the objective of the question is to find out whether there is interest to pursue the chosen field of expertise as a long-term work engagement.

Susan Vidal, newly-appointed executive talent manager at eTelecare agrees. "At the onset of the interview, it is very important to level with the candidates and check their motivation. Normally, these

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# How to deal with a verbal warning

WORKING WOUNDED
*Bob Rosner*

DEAR WW: I have had a spotless record in 20 years of work. I was shocked to suddenly get a verbal warning. What should I do?

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Your e-mail reminded me of the time I'd just finished my meeting on the 40th floor of the Sears Tower. I asked the receptionist how to get to my next meeting, on the 70th floor. She replied, "You can't get there from here." I knew what she meant, that there was no elevator that went directly from the 40th floor to the 70th, but still, it was surprising to hear those words spoken.

A verbal warning is a lot like my journey in the Sears Tower, sometimes before you can go up, you have to take a step back. But learn from it and you can emerge even stronger. I've listed some tips below. For more, check out "Working People Smart" by Silberman and Hansburg (Berrett Koehler, 2004).

Do you take serious inventory of what happened and why? It's easy to blow off a verbal warning. I've done it and so have most people I know. Rather, see it as a chance to reevaluate yourself and the company you work for and think about what needs to change.

Do you ask, what key behaviors would you like to see? Rather than just focusing on what you did to earn a verbal warning, I think it's important to ask your supervisor to outline the specific behaviors that he or she expects.

What role models exist? There are almost always people in a company who are doing a great job. We tend to make fun of these people or ascribe their success to sucking up, or some other negative behavior. Rather than trashing these people, what can you learn from them? I'm a huge fan of buying Ms or Mr. Perfect a cup of coffee and picking his or her brain.

Do you take notes? If you are going to take this to heart, it's important to not just try to commit it all to memory. Take notes during your conversation so that you can review them later, when you are alone with time to think. If nothing else, they can be the "before" point as you start a process of personal growth.

Do you establish a feedback loop? If your boss doesn't suggest it, ask for an

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**JOSIE Santamaria (extreme left) with the My Trabaho Career Planning Workshop participants.**

IN THE ARTICLE "My Trabaho Dream beneficiary finds the right career path" published last Aug. 14 in this section, it was mentioned that Christine Joy Mangahis attended a Career Planning Workshop as part of her benefits for My Trabaho Dream. This Career Planning Workshop was conducted by Josie Santamaria, president of Career Systems Inc. and was attended by other partial beneficiaries of My Trabaho Dream.

## *Gaining true life*

**By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD**

PROFIT and gain are two important words in business and the workplace. Gaining as much profit as possible seems not only top priority but also at times, the overriding goal in most businesses. Gaining as much salary and benefits as possible is likewise a great incentive for most workers. But these two words would have different shades of meaning for different kinds of people depending on their values in life.

For some investors and capitalists, "gaining the whole world" as today's Gospel would say—raking in tons of money and amassing huge financial and material assets—is the kind of profit they work hard for even to the extent of sacrificing or losing their life. They value too much the world and the material goods that their good health suffers; their relationships with others become strained and belief in God comes to be considered irrelevant.

However, for others who value life and people as God's gifts, profit is measured by the quality of life everyone in the workplace is enjoying—vibrant and enthusiastic work performance with serene and joyful relationships with others in the company. Gaining friends among coworkers, growing in human virtues and deepening the relationship with God are among the gains desired by those who seriously consider Jesus' question "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Accepting the values of Jesus—God's primacy in man's life and working for God and others—will make our work and business also a source of greater satisfaction and happiness, not the cause of our own destruction. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

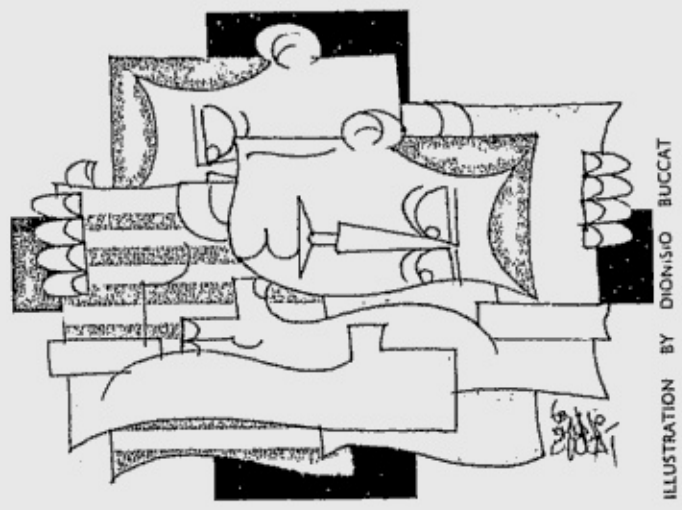
## *A millionaire before 30*

**By Teresa R. Tunay**

SOME years back I worked with Evelyn, a woman whose overriding goal was to become a millionaire before she was 30. Her friends—with more or less similar ambitions as hers—would vouch for Evelyn's sterling qualities. She was generous with her *barkada* and so much fun to be around. I understood Evelyn's drive, knowing she was both mother and father to her bum brother, but knowing her to be of high intelligence (she was also high school valedictorian), I had thought she'd be capable of setting higher goals than just being a millionaire before 30.

Well, Evelyn did reach her goal; it was not that hard for she was in selling and made good on commissions. I hardly heard from or about her until one day when I bumped into Gina, one of her *barkada*. Apparently they themselves had gone separate ways due to work demands, but one afternoon, Gina said she met Evelyn walking around near her Makati condo looking dazed. To make a long story short, Gina found Evelyn pathetic as the latter told her, "I would have loved to treat you even to coffee but I have only P60 in my wallet." She learned that Evelyn had hit bottom, having lost her millions in bad investment and high living. She was definitely no longer her generous, fun-loving self—in fact, she looked like she was on the brink of a nervous breakdown. Today, nobody knows of Evelyn's whereabouts as she has kept herself in isolation.

It's one thing to desire financial stability, and another to know that attaining it is never enough to make human life worth living. It was not bad for Evelyn to want to become a millionaire at 30; what she lacked was the vision to see life beyond 30—and beyond herself. The profit from our labors enriches us only when we use it for life-giving and not simply self-serving purposes. Otherwise, we get the profit but lose everything else. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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**Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27**

*What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?*

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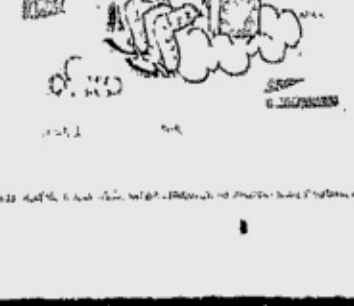

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# 'Crime prevention is everybody's business'

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This is the core message of the annual observance of the National Crime Prevention Week. This year's slogan, Barangay Kalinga Ako!, emphasizes the need for [illegible] enforcement, local government units and [illegible] people to bond together [illegible] crime and [illegible]

"We have to unite and collaborate [illegible] communities," Interior Secretary and National Police Commission Chairman Angelo Reyes said.

"Criminality [illegible] knows no boundaries. It [illegible] to make sure anyone [illegible] anywhere. And with the rapid changes in technology, crime can happen [illegible] push of a button. That is why the approach to combating crime must be [illegible] comprehensive."

Living in safe and prosperous communities under the rule of law is not [illegible] reached. It can happen if we work [illegible] make it happen, Reyes, the country's [illegible] terrorism and anti-crime czar, said.

"That is why we fully appreciate the help from non-government organizations, people's groups and other private organizations [illegible] the PCP in the continuing quest to [illegible] safer communities [illegible] Philippines," Reyes added.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Foundation for Crime Prevention (FCP) joined hands to [illegible] counter official campaigns and [illegible] the [illegible]

It is [illegible] the synergy of private [illegible] and government collaboration [illegible] the past of nation building. [illegible] And yet in the routine [illegible] spirit and [illegible] to those [illegible] attend to their needs [illegible]

But all these [illegible] can fully realize our goal [illegible] operation from the public, Reyes said, adding that calling the [illegible] ponsible should be a good [illegible]

Statistics show that majority of calls to the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the DILG and other [illegible] are reporting on the [illegible] and violence [illegible] with the help of the Japan Communications Watch [illegible] National Crime Prevention Week.

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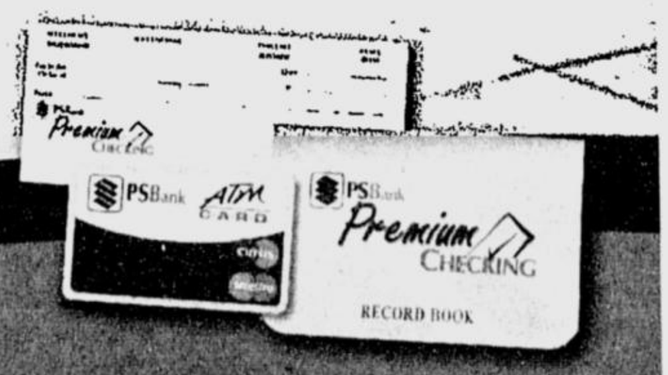


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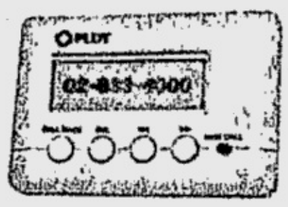

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# Business walks the talk in crime prevention

It is but a dream of any citizen to have a crimeless society. A place where you can move around freely; walk in the middle of the night without fear; or just being and living comfortably in a country you call home.

Sometimes, dreams can come true. There is always hope, or more appropriately, there are people and organizations that make one's dream come true.

The Foundation for Crime Prevention (FCP) is one non-governmental, not for profit, non-stock organization that has been working in the sidelines to thwart crimes all over the country. Looking back, 1996 was a time when kidnapping, bank robberies, and street crimes were rampant. Security and safety of all the people living in the Philippines had become a major issue of concern.

While the government was doing its best efforts to address the issue, the private sector cannot just take the matter sitting down. This is primarily because they are the ones directly hit by this high incidence of the crimes not only on the economic front but also because they had become the targets of the criminals.

That same year, FCP was born with well-respected individuals as incorporators. They are the who's who in the business community that include Jose Pardo, Jimmy Tang, Menardo Jimenez, Rafael Buenaventura, Federico Pascual, Samie Lim, Sergio Ortiz-Luis, Manuel Siggaot, Leo Prieto Jr., Miguel Varela, Edward Go, Agustin Bengzon, Roberto Alvarez, Meneleo Carloz, Leonilo Coronel, Vicente Paterno, and Antonio Abacan.

Speeding up the objectives of the foundation, the Streetwatch Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program was created in partnership with the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC).

To date, FCP has played a major role in the peace and order campaign in the country. The "117" project is one of its major efforts to extend a hand to the people in partnership with the government. The foundation's efforts are well-received by the society as well as the business community.

## Continuing programs

Although the "117" program is one of its most popular projects, FCP has initiated various efforts to achieve its vision and mission objectives.

FCP started a community development program for crime-prone areas in Metro Manila where a nun and a social worker were hired to network with chosen communities in depressed areas. They also lecture on values formation to people or youth who are misbehaving in the neighborhood.

"This was done as an intervention to the increasing burglary incidents in 24/7 establishments," according to foundation chair Jose Pardo. "Per 7-11's informal benchmark, the program helped minimize if not eradicate crime in areas covered."

Starting in the grassroots, the foundation conducts annual crime prevention and drug awareness lectures in schools and barangays in coordination with the Technical Working Group on the National Crime Prevention Week.

The foundation also hooked up with the Community Pillar of the Criminal Justice System Committee of the National Police Commission."

"We basically help craft policy directions for crime prevention," Pardo said.

Even with all these accomplishments, the task still proved to be tough. Challenges, however, are inevitable.

Pardo shares that nowadays the so-called donor fatigue is becoming prevalent. "Business has seen better days and correspondingly, because of the challenging times, criminality is also on the rise," he said.

The foundation's programs are greatly dependent on contributions from the business community. Additional funds are also generated from fund-raising activities undertaken with the support of participating organizations.

Addressing this issue with the assistance of the government partners — the Department of the Interior and Local Government headed by Sec. Jose Lina before and now under Secretary Angelo Reyes — the foundation moved to make the system more sustainable. It also adapted a more aggressive stance in education and information dissemination.

## Partners

"Imposing charges on '117' calls actually hits two birds with one stone — it aids in sustainability and also helps bring down prank calls which have been plaguing the system for quite a long time," said Pardo.

The successful take-off of "117", the Department of Interior and Local Government under Secretary Angelo Reyes, "has been the main navigator," according to Pardo. "They have been responsible for expanding the system's network while we, more or less, provide the backroom support to the service we jointly provide."

FCP is preparing for another breakthrough. On its 10th anniversary next year, Pardo said it hopes to expand the culture of prevention especially among our young people.

"We will continue to give the business sector a voice in crime prevention," he said. "We hope to come out with a book on our success stories and perhaps a nationwide conference on the culture of prevention. Of course, we will continue informing, daring and helping to keep our homes, schools and communities safe."

"For us, it is largely a battle for the hearts and minds of people also. We hope to instill a culture of prevention among our people. There is also a consistently felt need to be better than what we are at the moment," Pardo said.

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# 2005 National Crime Prevention Week

## Calendar of Activities

*Theme: "Barangay at Mamamayan Magkaisa: Hadlangan ang Krimen!"*

*Slogan: BARANGAY LINISIN, KRIMEN ALISIN*

| DATE/ VENUE | PROGRAM / ACTIVITY |
|---|---|
| Information & Publicity Program | |
| August to September 2005 | 1) Display of streamers/ posters in strategic areas along EDSA and Expressways, Napolcom and PNP Regional Offices, other government agencies, malls MRT/ LRT stations and churches |
| | 2) Distribution of crime prevention IEC materials (leaflets, brochures, stickers, etc.)<br>Aug 21 (9-11 AM) - Baclaran ( LRT Station)<br>Aug 22 (9-11 AM) - Taft Avenue "Police Express" Lobby (MRT Station)<br>Aug 23 (2-7 PM) - Recto & Central Station (LRT Station)<br>Aug 24 (9-11 AM) - Shaw Boulevard (MRT Station)<br>(1-3 PM) - Cubao (Center Lobby, MRT Station)<br>Aug 25 (5-7 PM) - Monumento (LRT Station)<br>Aug 29 (5-7 PM) - North Avenue (South Bound, MRT Station) |
| | 3) Mall Tour with 3 PNP Mascots / PDI Supplement<br>Aug 26 ( 9-11 AM) - Tutuban Center Mall Tours<br>( 3-5 PM) - SM Manila<br>Aug 28 (5-7 PM) - Metro Market Market Mall Tours / PDI Supplement<br>Sept 3 to 4 - Start of church visits<br>Sept 5 (3-5 PM) - SM Megamall<br>Sept 6 (2-7 PM) - SM Cubao, Ali Mall, Value Station, Act Theater and Farmers Plaza<br>Sept 7 (3-7PM) - Landmark/Greenbelt |
| August 8 and 10, 2005 | 4) TV and Radio Guesting<br>5) CD Production<br>6) Distribution of PLDT caller ID units to five (5) PNP District Offices and DILG |
| | NCPW PROPER |
| July to September 2005 | 7) Crime Prevention Seminars for Schools and Barangays<br>July 22 - Pedro E. Diaz H.S., Muntinlupa City<br>July 29 - Las Piñas National High School<br>August 12 - Parañaque National H.S. (Main)<br>August 26 - Pasay City North High School<br>September 6 - Manila Central University., Caloocan City<br>September 9 - Mandaluyong High School |
| September 1, 2005<br>Amoranto Stadium,<br>Quezon City<br>8:00-11:00 AM | 8) Kick-Off Ceremony<br>- Launching of the Outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Committee in Crime Prevention<br>- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding on the Student Crime Prevention Committee (SCPC) |
| September 2, 2005 | 9) Ugnayan ng Mamamayan at Pulis sa Metro Manila<br>(Sponsored by PNP-NCRPO) Respondents' Forum -- Crown Plaza, Galleria Suites, Manila |
| | 10) "117" Service Responder's Forum (Crowne Plaza Hotel Manila) |
| September 3, 2005 | 11) Church visits and distribution of IEC materials<br>- Baclaran and Quiapo |
| September 4, 2005 | 12) Church visits and distribution of IEC materials<br>- Sto. Domingo and Pasig |

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Argentina 101
Brazil 190
New Zealand 111
Columbia 123
Thailand 191
**Philippines 117**
Japan 110
Jamaica 119
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USA 911
Canada 911
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# Club 117

## Joining hands for safety and security

SHORT messaging system or text registration for Club "117" doubled after Secretary Angelo Reyes of the Department of Interior and Local Government led the launching of the innovative program that not only empowers ordinary citizens, especially the youth, to report crimes, fires, accidents and other emergency incidents by sending text messages or calling hotline "117"; but also keeps people informed of developments in the area of law and order through text messages and significant activities like seminars, training workshops and other related fora.

"This is our way of involving everyone especially the youth in the reporting and monitoring aspect of the national anti-crime campaign. We are also continuously developing ways and means to maximize the technological capabilities of '117'," Secretary Reyes said.

"Involving ordinary citizens in pro-active anti-crime activities and looping them into the "117" system has generally boosted government's crime prevention campaign. The emergency hotline is working and the people's involvement will make it work even more," Patrol "117" Executive Director lawyer Armi Jane Borje said.

A brainchild of the Foundation for Crime Prevention (FCP), Club "117" seeks to make the most of the current short messaging or text craze all over the country.

To register, the telephone subscriber can just text CLUB REG <NAME> <AGE> <LOCATION> and send to 117. Those who do not have mobile phones may also join the Club by filling in membership forms available at www.fcp117.com.ph or calling 889-8590 or 889-8591 (look for Toneth, Al, or Marichu) for fax requests and inquiries on how to get Club "117" identification cards.

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THE FOLLOWING section describe the do's and do not's of "117" under its original "emergencies only" purpose:

Do not program "117" into your auto-dial telephone. You won't forget the number, and programming the number invites accidental dialing of the number. Also, please do not dial "117" to "test" your phone of the system. This needlessly burdens the dispatchers and system with non-emergency calls.

If you live in a region that is subject to natural disasters (typhoon, volcanic eruption, etc.), pre-plan a method of communicating with family, friends, and relatives, before an incident occurs. Choose any emergency contact outside the area that will be affected by the disaster. Make them the relay point for those who want to contact you. After the disaster hits, you make just one telephone call to your contact, and have that information relayed to all those you care about.

Call "117" only for an emergency. An emergency is any serious medical problem (chest pain, seizure, bleeding), any type of fire (business, car, building), or any life-threatening situation (fights, person with weapons, etc.). Most jurisdictions also urge citizens to use "117" to report crimes in progress, whether or not a life is threatened.

Do not dial "117" for a non-emergency. Instead, dial the listed 7-digit non-emergency telephone number or hotline. A non-emergency incident is a property damage accident, break-in to a vehicle when suspect is gone, theft of property (when suspect is gone), vandalism (when suspect is gone), panhandlers, intoxicated persons who are not disorderly, or cars blocking the street or alleys.

Do not pick up the telephone and put it down if you don't hear a dial-tone - you'll tie up the telephone network and delay obtaining a line. Stay on the line until you hear the dial-tone. If you hear a fast-busy tone, all circuits are busy - try again later.

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Your "117" call will either be relayed or teleconferenced to the police, fire or EMS agency that handles the area where you are located.

If you dialed "117" in error, do not hang up the telephone. Instead stay on the line and explain to the dispatcher that you dialed by mistake and that you do not have an emergency. If you hang up, a dispatcher will call back to confirm that there is no emergency. If you don't answer, a police officer or personnel maybe dispatched to confirm that you are all right. This will needlessly take resources away from genuine emergencies.

Briefly describe the type of incident you are reporting. For example, "I'm reporting an auto fire," or "I'm reporting an unconscious person," or "I'm reporting a shoplifter." Then stay on the line with the dispatcher-do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to. In some cases, the dispatcher will keep you on the line while the emergency units are responding to ask additional questions or to obtain on-going information.

Let the call-taker ask you questions that will help prioritize the incident, locate it and speed an appropriate response. Your answers should be brief and responsive. Remain calm and speak clearly. If you are not in a position to give full answers to the call-taker (the suspect is nearby), stay on the phone and the dispatcher will ask you questions that can be answered "yes" or "no."

Be prepared to describe your location and the location of the emergency. Although an Enhanced 117 system will display your telephone number and location, the dispatcher must confirm the displayed address or may ask you for more specific location information about the victim or suspects.

If you are a cellular caller, your telephone number and location may not be displayed for the dispatcher's reference. You must be able to describe your location so emergency units can respond. Be aware of your current city or town, address, highway and direction, nearby cross-streets or interchanges, or other geographic points or reference.

Be prepared to describe the persons involved in any incident. This includes the color, year, make, model and type of vehicle (sedan, pick-up, sport utility, van, tanker truck, flatbed, etc.). If the vehicle is parked the dispatcher will need to know the direction it's facing. If the vehicle is moving or has left, the dispatcher will need to know the last direction.

Be patient as the dispatcher asks you questions. While you are answering the dispatcher's questions, he/she is entering or writing down the information. If you are reporting an emergency, most likely a response is being made while you are still on the line with the dispatcher.

Listen to the dispatcher's instructions for assistance if you are in danger yourself. The dispatcher may tell you to leave the building, secure yourself in a room or take other action to protect yourself.

Don't hang up until the call-taker tells you to. Follow any instruction the dispatcher gives you, such as meeting the officers at the door, or flagging down the firefighters at the curb.

If you are able and have the training, apply first aid to any patient who needs it. Give the victim reassurance that help is on the way.

*Reference: Dispatch 911 Monthly*

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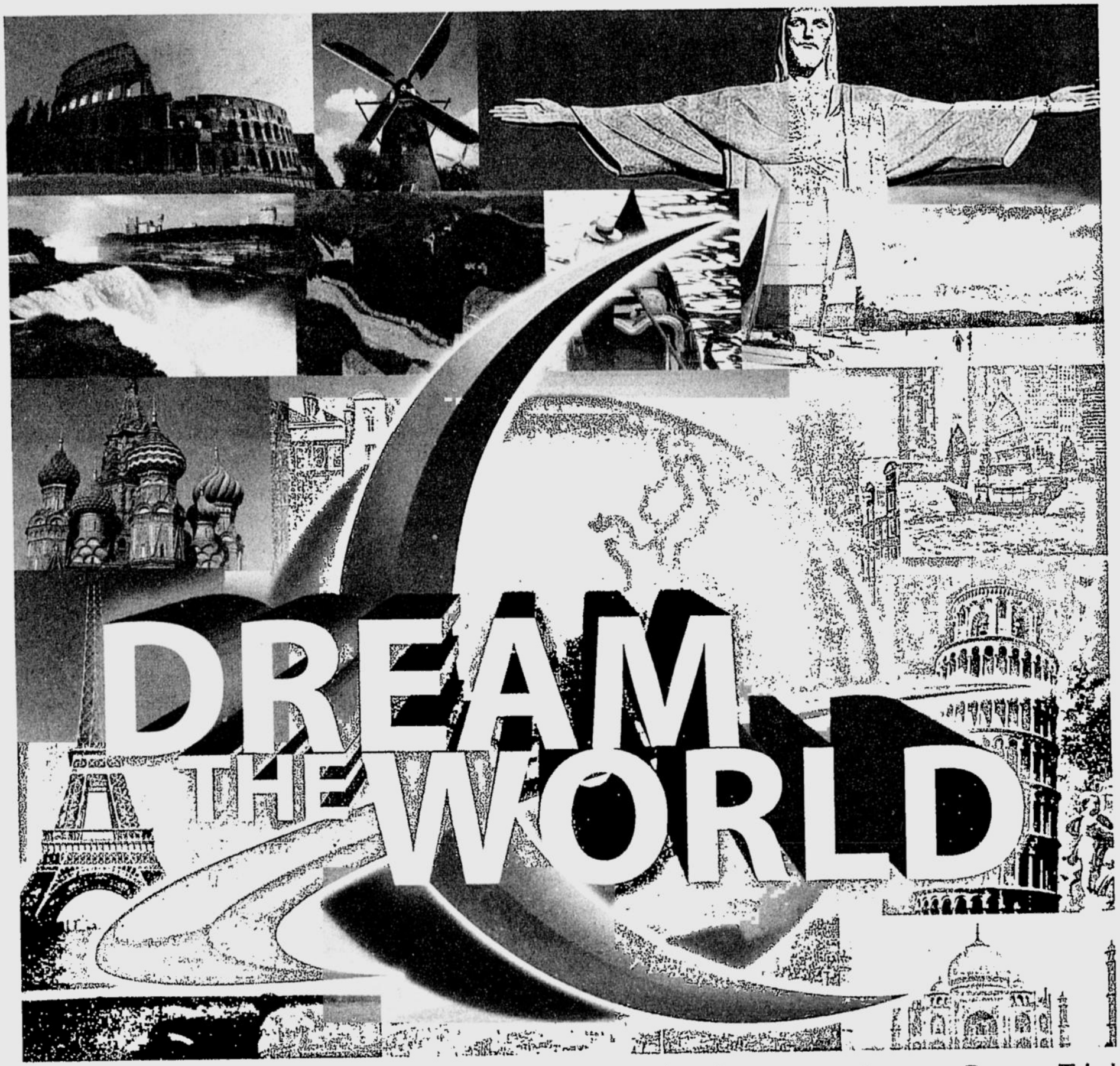


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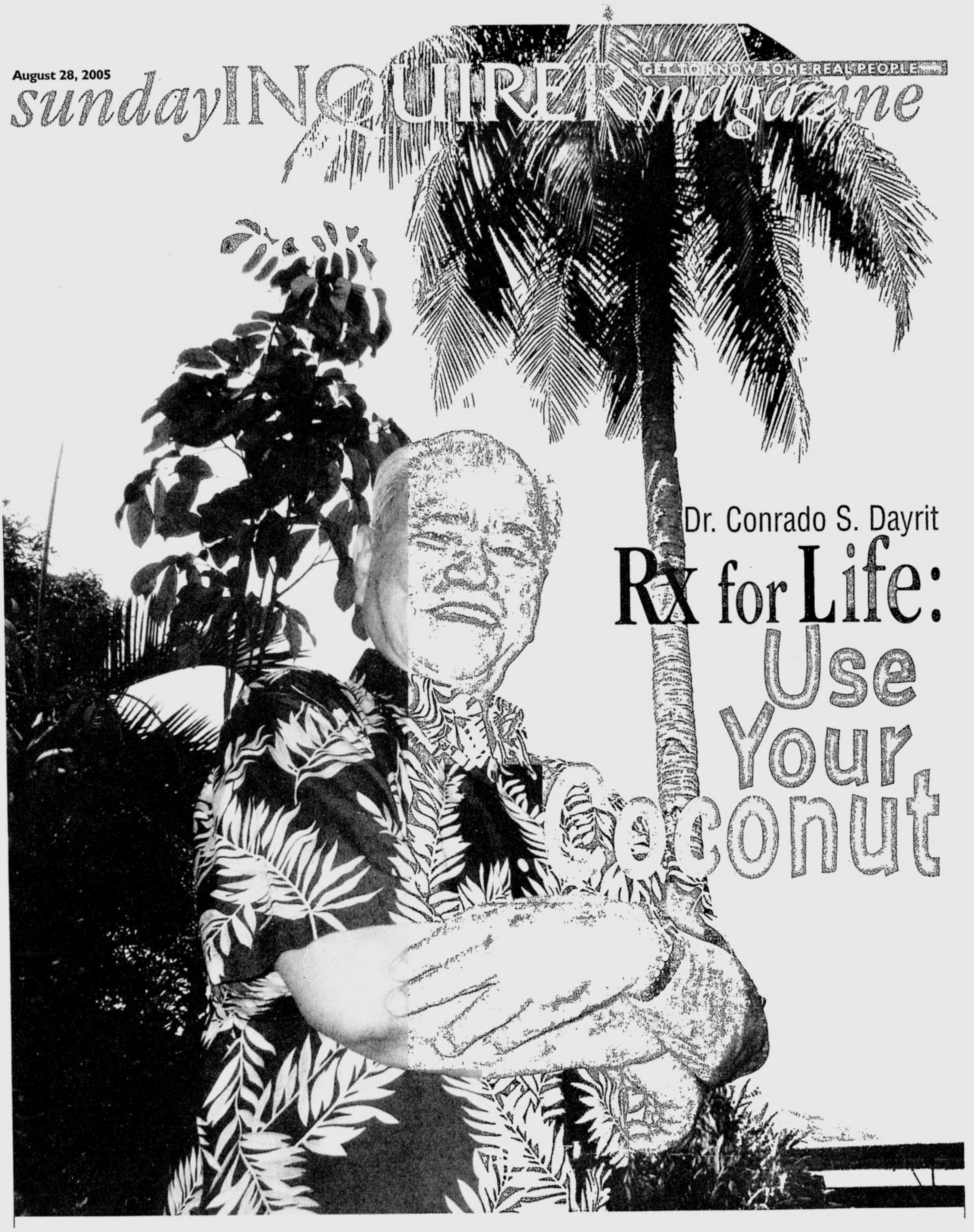

Dr. Conrado S. Dayrit

# Rx for Life: Use Your Coconut

*by Ma. Ceres P. Doyo*
*photograph by August dela Cruz*

**"USE your coconut." Never before has this Filipino adage (which means "use your head") been more apt and applicable to the coconut itself in the most literal sense. For don't you know that the oil from the coconut is "the best oil on earth"?**

**For this accomplished doctor and tireless octogenarian, the once maligned coconut oil, now enjoying huge popularity, is the inexpensive, widely available prescription for a slew of medical and pharmaceutical puzzles—and he has dedicated his career and life to studying it. His new book says it all**

"No oil in God's whole creation can compare with it in its numerous actions." Thus declares Dr. Conrado Dayrit, the eminent Filipino pharmacologist-internist, cardiologist, professor, and unrelenting medical researcher who is restoring to coconut oil its stolen global glory and putting it back in its rightful place in the realm of food and medicine. Yes, of medicine.

Dayrit launched his groundbreaking book "The Truth About Coconut Oil: The Drugstore in a Bottle" (Anvil Publishing) yesterday. It was a cause for celebration for virgin coconut oil (VCO) producers and traders and for the coconut industry in general.

Dayrit, at 86, defies the image of a sedentary octogenarian waiting for the proverbial coconuts to fall on their own. Why, he just flew back from a speaking engagement in Kuala Lumpur in time for his book's launching. That he is preparing to write another book (a textbook on pharmacology for rational drug use) shouldn't surprise anyone.

Dayrit is a man of many interests, but medicine and scientific research are his main passions as far as his career is concerned. Outside the clinic and the lab, music could very well compete for his attention. The violin is his instrument. The classics, opera in particular, are his musical staples.

Could he indulge Sunday INQUIRER with a favorite aria from "Norma"? The medicine prodigy turns into music man and selects from his extensive collection. Vinyls, cassettes, VHS, CDs, DVDs, he has them all.

Soon Maria Callas soars with "Casta Diva." The doctor walks the writer out of the music den to the living room and the garden that have become inundated with music flowing out from hidden speakers. Standing tall amid the garden foliage is a coconut tree heavy with fruit.

The doctor is in his element. He walks nimbly through the evidence of his being a fulfilled family man-countless photos of his wife Milagros, a pharmacist, and their eight children (among them, former health secretary Manuel Dayrit, who is now with the World Health Organization), grandchildren and great-grandchildren at various stages of their becoming.

Here is a man so at home, so accomplished and completely given to a cause he never gave up on.

Dayrit's name is becoming synonymous with VCO, whose users the world over swear by for its efficacy. Through hard work, Dayrit has re-discovered, for his own people, the so-called oil of life, adding credence to similar discoveries by other scientists.

"As a young pharmacologist-cardiologist in 1960," Dayrit begins, "I wrote an editorial in the Journal of the Philippine Medical Association calling on the government and the coconut industry to support coconut oil research."

Why? Because at that time, saturated fats, coconut oil in particular, were being blamed as the cause of heart disease. These fats, present in certain

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Controversies

*by Jerry E. Esplanada*

# 'I've Been Aspiring to Be A Comissioner Since Marcos!'

PDI PHOTO

**In this encounter with missing Comelec Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano before the audiotape brouhaha, he talks about why he deserved his post—and why he thinks politics will always taint every electoral process**

**"I USED to write, too. In the old Manila Times." I had barely warmed my seat at his office (on the 8th Floor of the Commission on Elections headquarters in Intramuros, Manila) when former Comelec Commissioner Virgilio O. Garcillano made the disclosure.**

During this INQUIRER interview, Garcillano lamented that he had already served "one year-plus without confirmation by the Commission on Appointments. My papers are already there but I was never called for confirmation."

"I should have been commissioner a long time ago," he confidently asserted. "I've been aspiring since the time of Marcos." Interviewed before the "Hello, Garci!" tape scandal broke out, Garcillano noted that "some of my favorite articles were published."

In his curriculum vitae, Garcillano had listed a commentary, titled "Sense of Commitment," under the item "Written Articles and Awards Received."

The piece saw print in the Pentacron Bulletin of the Development Academy of the Philippines, he also wrote.

Virgilio Olivar Garcillano was born on July 5, 1937 in Bgy. San Leon, Balungao, Pangasinan. "That's next to Rosales. When you go to Baguio, turn right before the bridge," he said during the interview.

His other provincial address: 2006 C. Tamparong St., RER Subdivision Phase II, Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City.

He did not say anything about his family background.

Garcillano earned his Bachelor of Laws from the University of the East in 1960 and passed the bar the same year. He is a Reserve Commissioned Officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

### Special attorney

He joined the Comelec as a special attorney in Sulu in 1961, later serving stints in Iloilo, Iligan City, Lanao, Isabela, and Occidental Mindoro. Some of Garcillano's "special assignments" during his 44-year stint with the Comelec were as part of Comelec Commissioner Manolo Gorospe's chief of staff, as Special Assistant to Comissioner Luzviminda Tancangco in the Lanao del Sur precint mapping, and as Team Head for special elections in Sulu and Lanao.

He also taught at the Xavier University College of Law in 1976-78. He maintained the Garcillano & Garcillano law office in Iligan City in 1965-1970.

Garcillano had been eyeing a top Comelec post for years. In a Nov. 11, 2003 letter to President Macapagal-Arroyo, he wrote: "I hope I am not taxing your patience for repeatedly reminding you of my application for the position of commissioner of the Comelec. Although you have given me the hope of being appointed to that exalted position, I still feel the need to remind you of my desire."

Then chief presidential political adviser Joey Rufino supposedly endorsed Garcillano's application, scribbling on the right side of the note: "He will be a great asset to you. He has a proven track record and can deliver!"

Ms Arroyo granted Garcillano's wish shortly afterwards.

### Revelations

Fond of prefixing both his on-and off-the-record revelations with *"Atin-atin lang ito"* (This is between us), Garcillano blamed his politician-critics like opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. for his career troubles.

He claimed that Sen. Pimentel "was imputing that I am the author of *bawas-dagdag*. It is the other way around."

He recalled they were "together in 1980. I was teaching in the College of Law in Xavier U. He was the dean. We never fought about anything. Probably, there were people there who kept on feeding him wrong information. I was removed from Comelec in 1986 at his instance. But when I came back in 1994, I was reinstated, re-employed, OK *na kami*. The problem was, his son ran in 2001. He lost in the mayoral race. I was still regional director at that time. He claimed I defied the order of the commission in not removing those he claimed to have double registered in the province of Misamis Oriental and Cagayan de Oro City.

"But we went through the process of comparing the lists of voters in each municipality within the province with that of Cagayan de Oro. We didn't see a problem. There's a process in the removal of names. We cannot just remove the names of voters if we do not go through the legal process." Garcillano called Pimentel "a legal giant, and I respect him for that. He's a very good lawyer and he should have given consideration to our position, that we cannot just do that without violating the law. He could have filed a case before...But there's never been a case filed in Mindanao, where I've been all these years. That's why I said, why me?"

### Head held high

On widely-reported poll irregularities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Garcillano remarked: *"Atin-atin lang ito,* but there's politics involved. But some of our field people contribute also to this. It's either because of money or pressure from politicians. Politicians are making use even of our employees in order to enhance their chances of winning the elections. For me, we can still stop that. *Ang problema,* sometimes our people here also do some hanky-panky."

On his other wish, a reassignment in Mindanao: "I should be there, but I'm prohibited by my colleagues from going there. *Atin-atin lang ito,* but I would be able to handle better the ARMM than probably any one among them because I have been experienced in the area. I stayed practically in Mindanao for the last 43, 44 years. I can tell you with pride that they can never accuse me of accepting money from them. If you accept, you're dirt. You don't matter anymore. At least, until now, I can go there with my head held high. They can never accuse me of *kalokohan* (anomalies)."

During our 80-minute conversation, Garcillano more than thrice requested that I put my tape recorder in pause mode before making his supposedly off-the-record disclosures, all appropriately prefixed with his trademark line *"Atin-atin lang ito."*

And then, the tape.


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ON THE CALAYAN RAIL

I am a researcher of the Provincial Government of Cagayan. I read your feature story on Twists of Fate by Nestor P. Burgos, Jr. titled "A Child of the Forest and Winged Victory" (**SIM**, 7 August 2005) and I wish to make some corrections.

The story reads "... after gaining international acclaim for discovering a new bird species at Babuyan Island group in Batanes, Ilongga wildlife biologist Carmela Española..." and followed "...Calayan Rail (Gallirallus Calayanensis) can only be found in the island."

First, the Babuyan Group of Islands is part of the Province of Cagayan, NOT Batanes. It is composed of Camiguin Island, Dalupiri Island, Babuyan Island, and Calayan Island. They lie between the mainland of Cagayan and Batanes. These islands make the town of Calayan, one of the 28 municipalities of Cagayan North.

Second, the author understood that the rail was discovered in Babuyan Island. I got a copy of the report of Española and her fellow researchers. The report says: "The rail is common in at least the north of central part of Calayan." It futher cites: "the rail was neither seen nor heard on the other part of the Babuyan islands." In our visit to those islands, residents told us that the said bird species "Piding" lives only in the forest of Calayan Island. For purposes of particularity and accuracy, therefore, the flightless Calayan Rail can only be found in Calayan Island.

I really appreciate your feature story. My friend, a municipal official, would like also to inform your readers that they have passed a local measure dealing with the protection of the "Piding."

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NINOY'S SISTER

Ninoy's sister Lupita has a mind of her own, just as other members of the Aquino family do ("Remembering the Big Brother Who Changed Her Life," **SIM**, 21 August 2005). This time she prefers working with GMA—something that may raise eyebrows. But then let us give her the benefit of the doubt because Ninoy himself, too, had a mind of his own, and had a different view during the Marcos time.

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GOOD NEWS

I like this news: "Pinoy Connection: A Fil-Am With A Plan To Give RP Entrepreneurs A Chance," **SIM**, 21 August 2005. Kudos to Neil Ruiz and all those involved.

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ANJIE'S DREAM

I just want to say kudos to Anjie Ureta ("This Pilgrim's Journeys Brought Her All Over the World—and Closer to Herself," **SIM**, 21 August 2005). I salute you for fulfilling your dream since we were in high school. Good luck and more power!

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Noteworthy

# In the Line of Heroes

*A Filipino nationalist's only surviving daughter marks her 100th birthday*

**IT'S not often that a person who was witness to the lives of heroes lives long enough to tell the tale. Carmen Ponce Villaroman, the only surviving daughter of National Hero Mariano Ponce, celebrated her 100th birthday last July 19, 2005 at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City. She was surrounded by her children and their families, mostly from Australia and the United States. It also turned out to be a grand reunion for the Ponce clan.**

**Mameng marks a century**

"Mameng," as she is fondly called, is the second child among four children—the others are Pedro, Conching and Mary—of the great Propagandist Mariano Ponce and his Japanese wife Okiyo Udangawa. Born on July 19, 1905, "Mameng" was the quiet but strong one in the family. She studied in Centro Escolar and Assumption College. On July 12, 1928, she married one of the first pharmacy graduates of 1920, Felipe Villaroman, in the Baliwag Catholic Church. In a couple of years, Felipe graduated with honors from the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine. "Mameng" became his secretary, and later the mother of his 12 children.

**Trinity: Jose Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Mariano Ponce**

Mariano Ponce, her father, was known as the third person in the glorious Trinity of Filipino Propagandists. The other two were Jose Rizal and Marcelo H. Del Pilar. These three men were behind the nationalist movement in Spain. It has been said that Rizal was the genius, Del Pilar the statesman, and Ponce, the student and scribe. Ponce was only 21 when the Propaganda Movement was founded, and was a founder as well of "La Solidaridad" in Barcelona in 1888, along with Graciano Lopez Jaena.

In 1898, after the proclamation of Philippine Independence, the General appointed Ponce the first diplomatic representative of the First Philippine Republic to Japan. Ponce would succumb to tuberculosis in a hospital in Hong Kong in 1918, while visiting his friend, another great nationalist, Dr. Sun Yat Sen. He was survived by his wife and four children. Only "Mameng" is alive today—enough of a reason to celebrate.

In Memoriam

*by Fe B. Zamora*

# This Soldier Fought for the Honor of the Military

**He was a stellar military officer who gave up his uniform in disillusionment. But even after leaving the service, Captain Rene Jarque worked vigilantly to keep the AFP name clean**

**WHEN last seen, Captain Rene Jarque was wearing a printed polo shirt that emphasized a widening girth. He laughed heartily when told that he was beginning to look more like his dad, retired Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque. "Minus the Ilonggo accent," he said with a guffaw.**

Jarque was in Manila then for a few days to visit his family, and to touch base with various groups that share his ideas for reforms in government in general, and the military in particular. As usual, he also touched base with friends in media, meeting INQUIRER reporter Luige del Puerto, who covered the Philippine National Police, for the first, and unfortunately, last time over lunch in Greenhills one sizzling hot day in May this year.

### Love and laughter

"What do you think of Philconsa?" he fired off as iced tea was served. Jarque had just been invited to speak before the group. Obviously, he had already decided to accept the invitation; he just wanted some input for his speech. The conversation picked up as the topic shifted to the Armed Forces. He asked about the list of "unliquidated fund transfers" in the defense department that he had provided the INQUIRER, as well as the other tips for possible journalistic endeavors. Told that AFP chief of staff Gen. Efren Abu might be named ambassador to Indonesia, and therefore, would be seeing him in social functions with the Filipino community there, Jarque again laughed. "Indonesia has very good tiles," he chortled.

Jarque was referring to the paved sidewalks in Camp Aguinaldo which Abu had ordered demolished and replaced with decorative tiles for aesthetic purposes. Jarque was not surprised that the AFP leadership would have funds to beautify the sidewalk, and none for the medical kits of soldiers. "It's like constructing a beautiful terrace while the kitchen is falling apart," he said. He was no longer shocked when told that the INQUIRER had tracked down a beach resort in Boracay which was built by the Armed Forces. The story was not published yet. Nonetheless, Jarque said a mouthful about the project.

He had returned to Jakarta when the Boracay story was published with his scathing remarks about the project. Other newsmen would text him for soundbites, requests he granted. But Jarque could fulminate and be free because he had shed his uniform in 1998.

### Expressing his mind

In fact, it was the price he paid for this freedom to express his mind on the excesses in the Armed Forces, the organization that he practically grew up with. And criticize, he did. He wrote extensively about the practice of converting military purchases into cash, or what is commonly called "conversion." He said "conversion" was only possible with the connivance among the officers and a few enlisted men, and a proof of breakdown in professionalism.

A 1986 graduate of the US Military Academy in West Point, Jarque was a fanatic adherent to the Honor Code, which he considered the "crowning glory" of the military profession. In a July 25, 2005 e-mail to the INQUIRER, he wrote about honor: "It is the hallmark of military conduct which implies our clear consciousness of personal dignity and worth. We associate it with good reputation and is immortal, sacred part of our character, the violation of which should bring about shame in us and the dignity to impose on ourselves the requisite restitution. To us honor means truthfulness, sincerity, honesty, uprightness, credibility and avoidance of deception. We shall not lie, cheat, steal, violate moral and ethical codes nor tolerate violations of the same."

But let it not be said Jarque, who had an MBA from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, was all about reforms and social changes. He was just as dedicated when it comes to family. Upon arrival in Manila, his priority was always bonding with his kids; meeting friends and media were appointments spliced in whenever possible.

### Man in a hurry

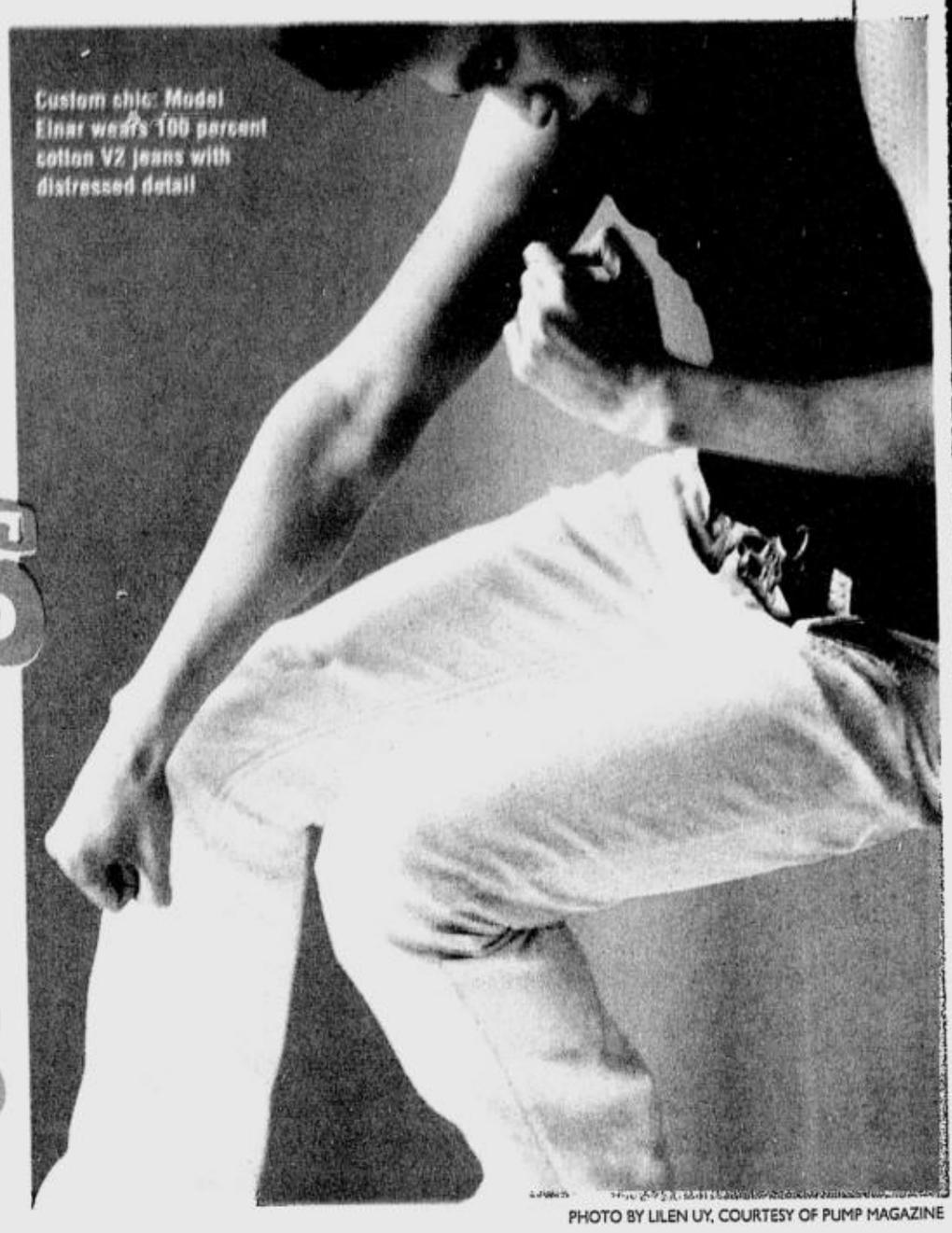
Thus he would meet the INQUIRER after watching his son Ryan's martial arts lessons, or while his wife, Gay, and daughters Marla, 10, and Hannah, 5, were shopping. He would slip out, with Gay's permission naturally, from a family dinner to meet with the INQUIRER at a nearby cafe. He would show up lugging a saxophone bag; in fact, he was taking saxophone lessons at a music school in Ortigas Center, and was mastering the song *"Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang?"*. Why that song? He was asked. "My wife has asked me the same question," he said with a laugh.

"My son was a man in a hurry, he wanted to cram everything into his life," retired General Jarque would say of his first-born son, who used to joke around that he was General Jarque's "only son...in the military." General Jarque and his wife, Xenia, have three children: Rene, Melissa, who is based in the US, and Raymundo, Jr., an engineer who had also studied at the Philippine Military Academy.

On August 19, Jarque succumbed to cardiac arrest in a hospital in Jakarta, where he had been working since last year. Gay was beside him on his deathbed. Captain Rene Jarque passed away at exactly 3 p.m. on a Friday. He would have turned 41 on October 14.

*by Blaise C. Gacoscos*

# Jeans Genius Gives Pinoys the Perfect Fit



Custom chic: Model Einar wears 100 percent cotton V2 jeans with distressed detail

PHOTO BY LILEN UY, COURTESY OF PUMP MAGAZINE

**VIKTOR, a pricey local brand famous for custom-made jeans, has hit Manila—big time. Showbiz royalty Aga Muhlach owns 22 pairs of Viktor jeans. TV personality Korina Sanchez is a convert, with 22 pairs. Sexy star Maui Taylor, an avid collector since the label was just new, has eight pairs. Actors Richard Gomez and John Estrada bought seven and six pairs, respectively. And banker Ding Pastrana is Viktor's number one client with 40 pairs.**

Viktor creator Victorino "Ino" Tablang Caluza, Jr., 29, explains why they're snapping up his creations. "Viktor is not about having trendy or cutting-edge designs. It's about fit. You can have it customized according to your body."

This Saturday afternoon, I interview Ino in his Ortigas condominium. I'm interrupted by four separate knocks on the door. Two Chinese-looking teenagers with their friends show up for fitting. A young couple drops by to pick up their orders. A first-timer slips into her first Viktor jeans and says, "It's nice!" A girl who accompanies her friend to the shop falls in love with Viktor pants adorned with Swarovski crystals, and ends up having her measurements taken.

### Proper measurement

"Being a jeans designer is about proper measurement, proper cut, proper density of fabric. You have to know all these," says Ino. "When Korina ordered 22 pairs, for example, I had to have her fit every pair because each fabric, when cut, reacts differently to the body. Some fabrics are loose, others are tight. It's the battle of the centimeters. My client will notice if I mistakenly adjusted half an inch in the crotch area."

Interestingly, Ino got his start working on numbers of a different sort. A graduate of BS Mathematics, major in computer science, from the University of Sto. Tomas, Ino worked at The Fourth Dimension, Inc. as computer-aided design department manager for two years. "It was my first job. I molded my talent in graphic design there." He still does graphic design today as creative consultant of Business Day, a fortnightly magazine published by Saffron Publishing, Inc.

In 1998, he worked overseas as art director of Stallion's Records in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, designing CD covers, posters and promotional materials. His contract was up for renewal after two years, but he chose to be transferred to Dubai. "Basically, I got fed up in Saudi—no entertainment, no night clubs, no theater, no arts." He worked in the UAE for two months until he decided to come home.

On the side and unknown to many, Ino is also an artist, and has had three exhibits: "Steel Life" at the Hiraya Gallery, another at a gallery in Antwerp, Belgium, and "Nature works" at the RCBC Plaza. Upon returning home, he had a couple more jobs doing graphic and magazine design, but not content with the work, he entertained thoughts of putting up his own business—one that would be both enjoyable and profitable.

One day, Ino, a rabid Diesel jeans fan with two dozen pairs to his name, splurged yet again on three Diesels. The purchase, costing a total of P12,000, made him stop and think. "I realized that I was spending too much money on jeans. I told myself then, 'This will be my last purchase in this store. After this, I will make my own jeans.'"

The following day, he did his research on the Internet, carefully studied his pairs and gathered reactions from his fashionista friends on what they liked about their jeans. After close to three months, Ino arrived at this conclusion: People weren't too conscious of the brand and style, nor were they concerned about the price. The important thing was that the jeans would fit them to a T.

### Registered brand

With only P1,000 initial capital, he bought his favorite *tela* from Divisoria, went to a tailor who makes fake Levi's and Calvin Kleins, and had his designs copied. He named his label "Viktor," because the most successful brands all bear the designers' names. He had to spell it "Viktor," however, because "Victor" was already a registered brand. And finally, he designed the letter V in the logo to look like an inverted pair of pants.

During this time, he apprenticed under Eric Alviar, research and development head of Litton Mills, an export company that produces the fabric for Levi's, Guess, Calvin Klein, Armani, Express Jeans and Girbaud. There he learned every aspect of fabric making, from weave to color to thickness.

In November 2003, he produced his first 25 jeans—all for men—and called them his alpha test prototypes. He avoided making washed denims, but used fabric in the "raw"—meaning, the fabric came straight from the factory untreated. "They sold fast," he recalls. In January 2004, Ino produced 100 more jeans with the Viktor trademark, red pockets made of US cotton. Etched on the buttons and rivets was the Viktor logo. This time, the jeans were both for men and women. He learned from fashion designer and friend Rajo Laurel how to get the perfect fit for women, and used his female friends and office mates as guinea pigs. The jeans sold briskly. "If this trend continues in the next few months, then I'm stuck," he thought. It did.

In June 2004, he resigned from his magazine job to work full time in the business. Together with master tailor Romy Orogo, assistant tailor Edcel Casiño, his sisters Clarence Sevilla taking care of production and Jeanette Orencia handling quality control respectively, and brother-in-law Antonio Orencia doing the finishing, Ino produced 500 pairs. His bestsellers are five-pocket jeans, double-button jeans, jeans with a cowboy belt loop and jeans with zipper coin pockets and back pockets. He also makes limited editions.

Ino began pushing his jeans by bringing his jeans to clients, dropping by offices to take measurements and orders of fashionista friends, and delivering them, happily altering and readjusting as needed. With his ubiquitous cap, lean frame, huge bag full of jeans and funky haircut and T-shirts, Ino looked every bit the part of the designer. Today, the orders keep coming.

### Optical illusion

Wearing jeans is not a problem when you have the right body proportions, Ino says, but it becomes a problem when you don't. A pair of Viktor jeans can solve the problem. For female clients with big hips, he suggests wearing boot cut or semi-flare pants. "If you have big hips, don't insist on wearing pencil-cut jeans. You're going to end up with a pear shape."

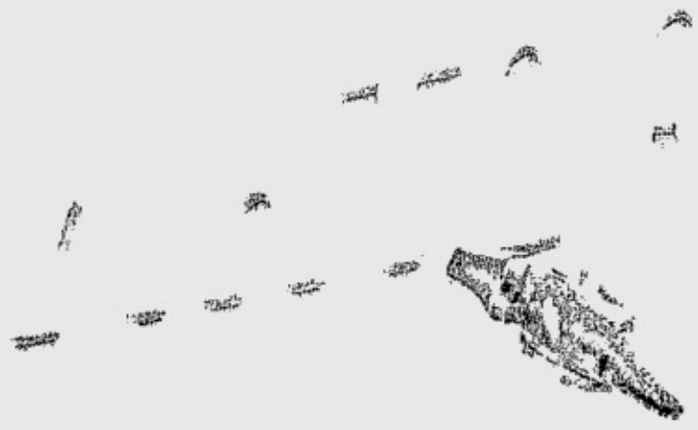
If a client has big buttocks, he chooses a hard fabric that will firmly hold the butt. "I don't use soft materials because *lalabas ang bilbil* (the paunch will be obvious)." He uses dark colored jeans instead of light colors to create a slimmer silhouette.

To make the average Pinoy look taller, he also opts for a straight cut from the waist to the knee and semi-boot cut towards the feet for "optical illusion." Also, he notices that most US-made jeans have huge front pockets. But the Filipino is a smaller race. What Ino does is make the upper legs more visible by designing smaller pockets to make the legs look longer.

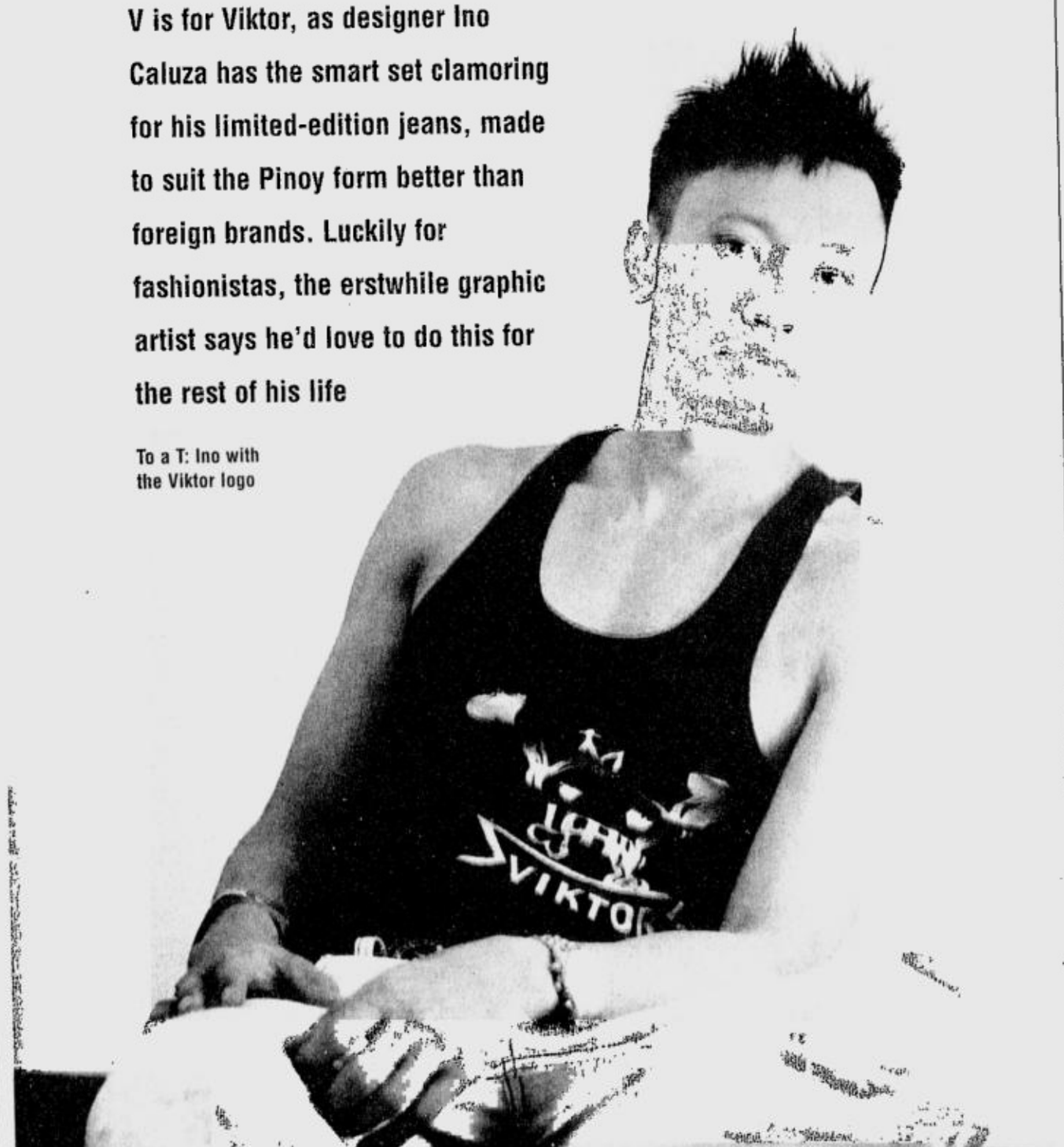
Rajo, owner of 14 pairs, says, "The beauty of Viktor jeans is that they actually accentuate the positive and hide the negative. I probably have his first prototypes—his *palpaks* and his winners, too—but the fundamental properties of Viktor were there: his attention to detail, his unnerving eye for fit which is very important especially with jeans, and his rock 'n' roll sensibility." "Ino is very original," says designer Randy Ortiz, who has three pairs. "His fit is close to perfection because it's custom-made. He is very innovative. He does his own brand of embellishments and details. The denim community accepts him and appreciates what he has done to the denim."

For Ino Caluza, seated comfortably in his favorite aluminum chair, it's a lot simpler than that. "This is it. I've found the job that I want to do for the rest of my life."

*Ino Caluza's shop is at 3505 Megaplaza Cityland Condominium, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center. For appointment, call tel. nos. 688-0357 or 0917-8504543*



**V is for Viktor, as designer Ino Caluza has the smart set clamoring for his limited-edition jeans, made to suit the Pinoy form better than foreign brands. Luckily for fashionistas, the erstwhile graphic artist says he'd love to do this for the rest of his life**



To a T: Ino with the Viktor logo

ERWIN OBCEMEA

*by Ruel S. De Vera*

PHOTO BY RUEL S. DE VERA; ART FROM "ANG MAHIWAGANG BIYULIN" BY FRANCES C. ALCARAZ

# Keeper of *Lola Basyang's* Stories for Today's Kids

**Young writer and teacher Christine Bellen pays tribute to supreme Filipino storyteller Severino Reyes by giving a new spin to his classics of Pinoy children's literature**

**THESE are, more than ever, times that call for great stories and great storytellers. Whether lit by the flickering wick of a lamp of oil in the quiet of a 19th century night or by the warm glow of a computer screen amid the endless bleating of vehicles in the 21st century's evenings, these weavers of tales can still ignite the imaginations of children, especially those waiting to journey off to the Filipino dreamtime, a landscape of silly kings, brave adventurers, strange creatures, spells and treasures.**

And sometimes, the storytellers can traverse time and space. Such as what Severino Reyes and Christine Bellen have been able to do, through the enabling enchantment of books.

Bellen has adapted Reyes's stories in a colorful series of picture books from Anvil Publishing, books like "*Ang Mahiwagang Biyulin*," "Rosamistica" and "*Ang Alamat ng Lamok*," as well as in a Lola Basyang musical.

The two share several parallels, though born hundreds of years apart. Reyes (1861-1942) was a prodigious writer of plays, including his most famous, the *zarzuela "Walang Sugat."* He was also the father of 17 children, whom he regaled with bedtime stories every night. Thus Reyes's enduring legacy was exemplified by his alter-ego, Lola Basyang. Writing for the venerable Liwayway Magazine, Reyes crafted hundreds of these stories for children, Tagalog yarns of power and mythical creatures, each with a moral lesson at the end.

### Lots of books

Amiable and soft-spoken, Christine Siu Bellen, 32, knew these stories well, ever since she discovered a 1975 edition of the stories at her own *lolo*'s house. She grew up an only child to Diego and Flora Bellen, and so learned pretty much to play by herself. "When I was a kid, I just wanted to become the second female member of Voltes V or a doctor," she says in Filipino. In her solitude, Bellen had a small transistor radio, some coloring books and old books. Reading was her favorite pastime. "I wasn't so fond of toys. As a kid, I didn't have a lot of books, so I would copy books by hand, and draw as well. I would give them to my cousins."

After earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Philippine Studies at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, Bellen finished her doctorate in Philippine Studies, majoring in Literature, History and Anthropology in 2002. When only in her second year of college, Bellen was already contributing to the children's magazine Sarangola. She now teaches at the Ateneo de Manila's Filipino Department.

She would reunite with Lola Basyang while working on her masteral thesis, spending some three years researching Reyes and his work, stories and plays. Though she's been told by creative writing teachers that her forte was the play, she admits, "Unfortunately, I was lazy as a writer back then, so I didn't do well in playwriting class. I didn't add to the plays I wrote in class."

That did fortuitously lead her to writing for children. Her experience writing plays added to the visual aspect of her fiction. She's quite serious about her short stories, and would like to ground her work in the academe by researching and doing criticism on children's literature. She's even thinking about doing more plays now.

Bellen already has a rich resume of writing, with children's books like "Og Uhog" and "Filemon Mamon," with nominations from the Philippine Board on Books for Young People, among others. And after finishing her thesis, she was approached first by Tahanan Books' Reni Singer upon the recommendation of Dr. Bienvenido Lumbera, Bellen's thesis adviser at UP. When that project didn't materialize, Bellen was then approached by Anvil Publishing upon the recommendation this time of Luis Reyes, the grandson of Severino Reyes himself. *Mang* Luis, Bellen notes, knew her well. "When I was writing my thesis, I was bugging *Mang* Luis for three years," she says. Soon, she had a series of picture books adapting the *Lola* Basyang tales for Anvil, classic tales reconfigured by Bellen for new readers, such as her favorite, *"Ang Binibining Tumalo sa Mahal na Hari."*

The 10 books, illustrated by a variety of artists, and a compilation of the stories came out over a period of a year starting in September last year. Now, she's working on a Reyes anthology for Tahanan , one for older readers, and effectively a Filipino volume of the Reyes stories translated by Gilda Cordero-Fernando in Tahanan's 1997 "The Best of Lola Basyang."

### Musical 'Lola'

It was after the first Anvil books began coming out that the Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) got in touch with Bellen and broached the idea of a musical. Noel Cabangon was soon part of the team and Bellen wrote *"Mga Kuwento ni Lola Basyang,"* a full-length musical with three of Reyes's tales in it: *"Ang Prinsipeng Mahaba ang Ilong," "Ang Binibining Tumalo sa Mahal na Hari"* and *"Ang Prinsipeng Duwag."* Three drafts later, and the play tells of a unique problem: *Lola* Basyang has forgotten her stories and only three kids can help her remember it. The play was a true learning experience for Bellen, and she values the collaboration of Cabangon, of whom she says she is a fan.

And of course, there's the Lola Basyang factor. Reyes, Bellen says, is an extremely gifted storyteller able to reach a diverse audience, and even if some of his stories are influenced by tales from other places and cultures, Reyes imbues them with a very Filipino sensibility. "There are stories within the stories, and family is always at the heart of his tales," she explains.

On the side, Bellen still finds the time for a few surprising activities, such as studying the violin at UP's College of Music Extension Program, though she says she's often "a bad student" because she doesn't practice every day; her beloved violin is called Groban. She remains devoted to the Malabon church choir she's been in for 17 years now. And she always finds the time to play with her two young nephews Pipoy and Ben, who have played a big part in her own writing as they get to listen to her stories first and are effectively her first readers. Oh, and she likes chatting with close friends. "That's important to me," she says.

### Next chapter

There are chapters that Bellen remains determined to open in her life. She'd like to write and stage plays of her own (her first staged work was a translation of a Jean Cocteau play at UP). She'd like to see her thesis published and, together with fellow children's storywriter Eugene Evasco, is putting together a book of literary criticism devoted to Philippine children's literature.

And of course she'd like to keep telling her stories. Being able to work, even in the abstract, with Reyes is like being able to reach out and touch the storytelling ether, and the process inspires her. "I promise to be respectful to Severino Reyes's stories because the trust his family has shown by trusting me with the manuscript cannot be equaled. Lola Basyang has 500 stories. I am only the keeper of a family heirloom, but this is really a national treasure."

*The Anvil Lola Basyang books are available at National Book Store and PowerBooks. PETA stages the full-length musical "Mga Kuwento ni Lola Basyang" on Sept. 1-3 at Cinema 5, SM Centerpoint. For inquiries, e-mail peta@petatheatercom, or text Gay at 0918-9354166 and Jet at 0917-5394707. For more about Christine Bellen, log on to http://www.moonfairy.tk.*

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Love Notes

# Between Trying Again And Someone New

*I became close to one of my officemates, and I don't know if I feel for him because of my frustrations with my ex-boyfriend*

*Dear Joe,*

*I'm 22 and working in a government office in Manila. Pete was my speech instructor, fluent in English, intelligent and good-looking. He started courting me while I was his student, and we got together after a month. After hurdling some obstacles, we thought we could face any challenge that came our way.*

*After his graduation, everything started to change. He became preoccupied with work and we seldom spoke or saw each other. I didn't blame him for that, because I knew that he was the breadwinner in his family. All I wanted was a little time for the both of us. He kept on promising he'd make up for the lost time, but I always ended up waiting.*

*I always believed in what Pete said, until my friend Greg told me that he saw Pete with another girl. She's one of his friends. But why were they together at the mall? Why does he have time for that girl, and none for me? Then another friend said she saw Pete holding hands with another girl, like she was his girlfriend. It really broke my heart, Joe. I asked him if it was true, but he kept on denying things. I decided to break up with him, but he refused to let go. He wanted me to give him another chance to prove his worth, but our attempts failed several times. We didn't talk for a month.*

*I became close to one of my officemates, Yuri. I confided my problems, and he gave me advice and comfort. I felt something for him that I couldn't explain. I want to keep these feeling quiet, because it won't do us any good. I heard rumors that he had a girlfriend, but when I ask him if it's true he just smiles. I don't know if I feel for him because of my frustrations with Pete.*

*Pete and I are now trying to patch things up, but I'm afraid of failing again. I still love him, but he doesn't seem ready for any responsibility.*

*Joe, help me. Should I continue understanding and hoping that there's another chance for Pete and me, or should I be true to what I feel for Yuri and let it grow?*

*Nicole*

Dear Nicole,

It seems that you are caught between reviving a dying relationship and nurturing a new and promising one. This is a case where hard decisions have to be made, because you simply cannot aspire for both of them. Rebuilding a relationship from a lost trust is very difficult, because you have to take away every doubt that lingers in your mind. You have to believe in Pete again and put aside any thought that would make you doubt him.

On the other hand, Yuri's silence may mean that he has a girlfriend already, and even if it is evident that he likes you, you would still be entering into a complicated relationship where you may find yourself hurting again in the end.

In any case, this simply puts the fact forward that there is always a risk in getting into and being in a relationship. Saying "I love you" is not enough anymore. Promises are broken and vows are put to the test everyday. Being in a relationship is a constant struggle to keep the love, and make the excitement of being in it endure. This is no easy task. We sometimes get to a point where love simply becomes inadequate to prevent us from experimenting on new relationships.

Nicole, if you choose Pete, then you have to forget dreaming of a relationship with Yuri. If you choose Yuri then you have to stop trying to bring your relationship with Pete back to life. If you choose yourself, then you would just have to let go of both of them and let time tell you who's really meant for you.

Nicole, let us always remember that sometimes we just have to stop pushing ourselves to love or be loved by someone. Sometimes we just have to be alone to be able to think about what we really want in life, to be able to realize what or who will really make us happy. Sometimes it is only when we start loving ourselves that we are able to realize that real and lasting happiness starts from within ourselves, and becomes even more complete when we share it with someone who loves us.

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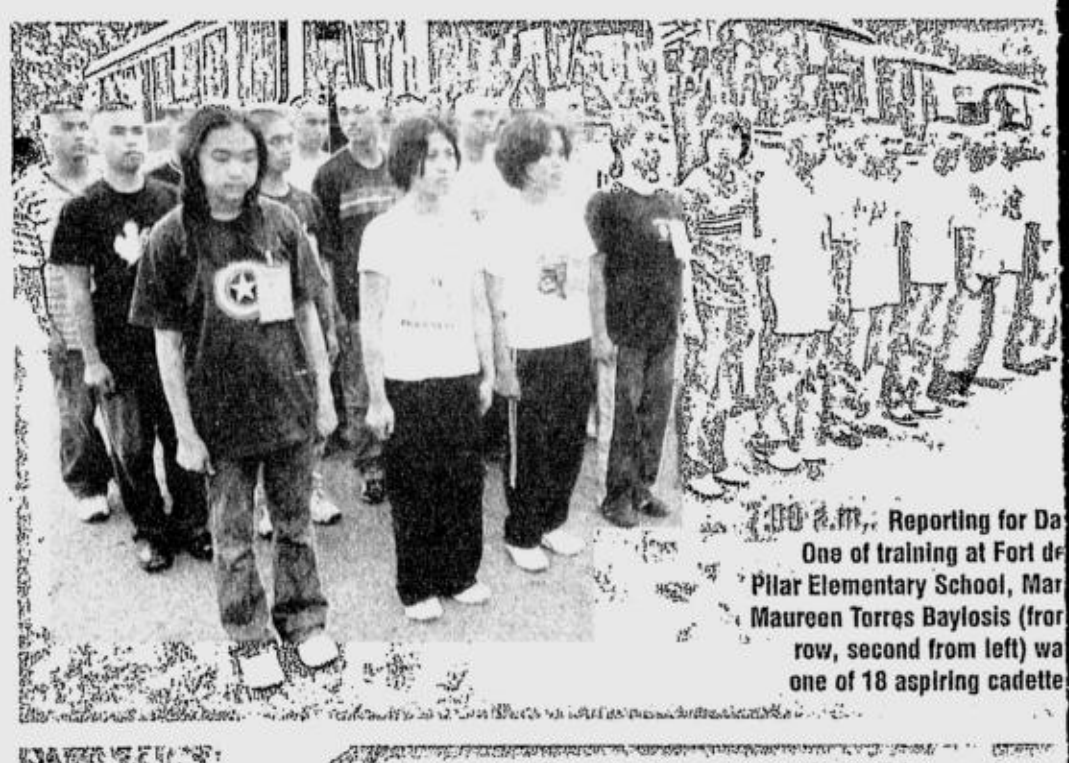
# A Girl in the Long Gray Line

**A 17-year-old marks her first day as a member of PMA Class of 2009**



**7:00 a.m.: Reporting for Da One of training at Fort de Pilar Elementary School, Mar Maureen Torres Baylosis (fror row, second from left) wa one of 18 aspiring cadette**

**PORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY—The Philippine Military Academy bus arrived here at 6 in the morning on April Fool's Day, but the passengers who disembarked were hardly giggly teenagers.**

A PMA sergeant directed 50 tall, gangly men and women to stand in line, and the crowd of blue jeans and tight shirts seemed out of place just a few meters from the PMA gate.

Mary Maureen Baylosis, 17 and a high school graduate from Cagayan de Oro, stood out because of her reedy appearance. Short at 5'2" and decked out in Mickey Mouse shirt, jeans and sneakers, Baylosis appeared to be the least prepared to cope with life at the PMA.

These cadets are among the 209 who were incorporated into the Corps of Cadets. Baylosis is one of 18 women who reported that day along with 170 males.

At 7 a.m., she was handed her breakfast—the last meal she would take as a civilian.

The group was told to proceed to a barber. Baylosis, whose hair usually falls to her shoulders, received her first military prescribed haircut.

They are then asked to pour through legal waivers, documents and payroll sheets that would establish their new careers as military cadets. Their first paycheck comes out to P13,500, but this must pay for their uniforms, their barracks costs, and other supplies.

Hours later, they marched for two kilometers to the PMA administration building where they were formed into battalions and asked to swear their allegiance to the government.

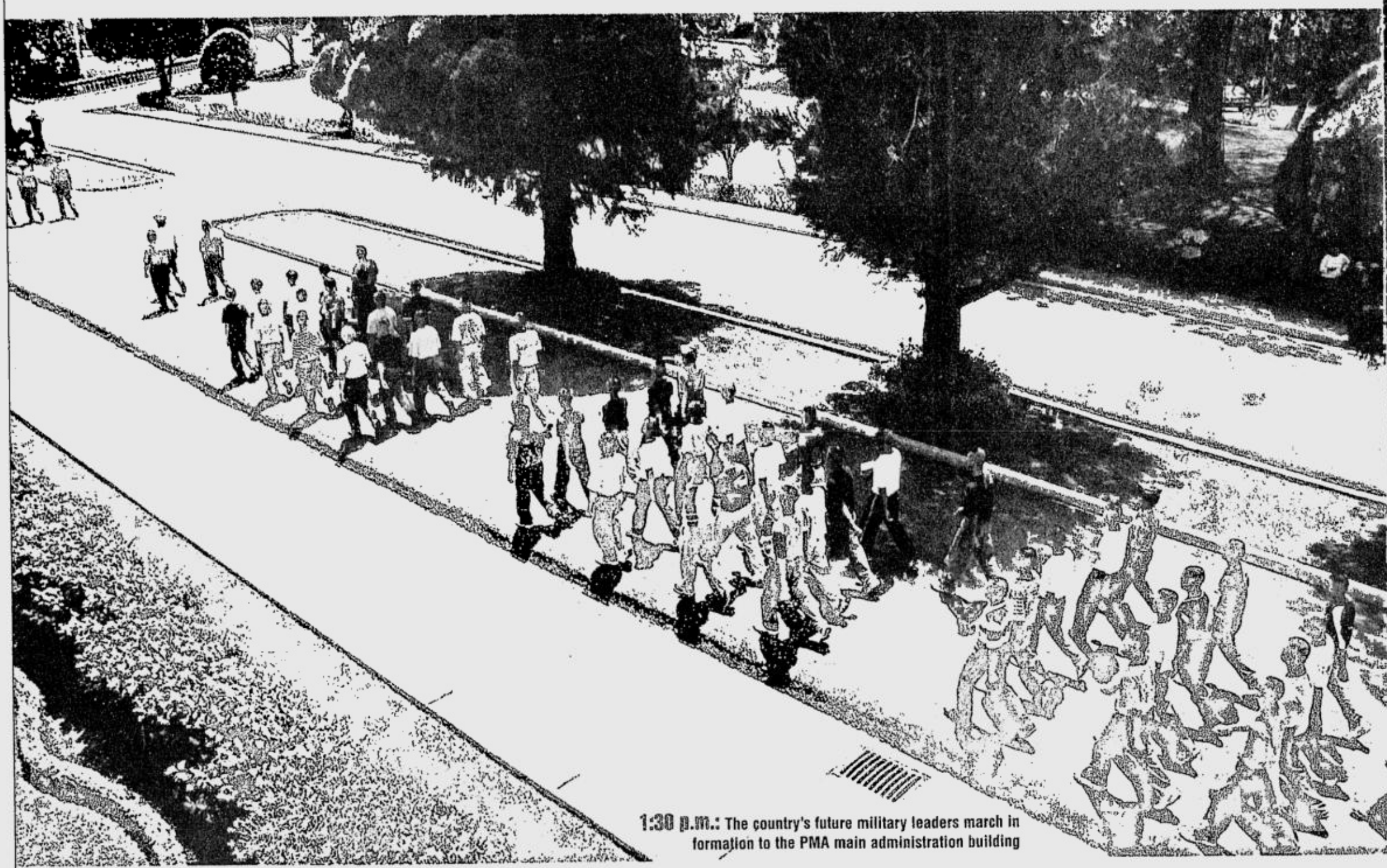
They were then introduced to their upperclassmen, all members of the Corps.

The meeting was traumatic to some of Baylosis' colleagues. Senior cadets ordered them to go through rigorous exercises, from push-ups to short sprints, that left many of them gasping for breath.

But by 4:30 p.m., Baylosis was told to pick up her first military supplies, the only clothing she would be allowed to wear for the next 120 days.

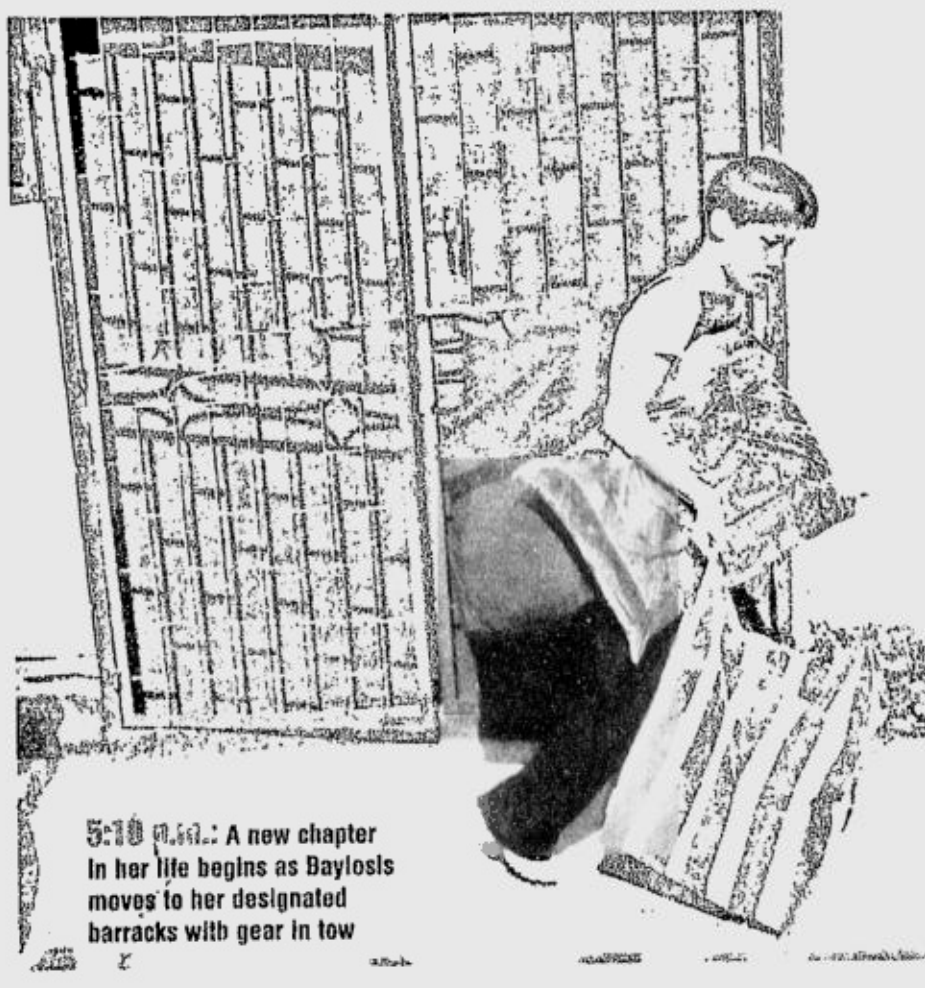
As Baylosis trudged towards her designated barracks room, it finally hit her. She had begun a new chapter in her young life as a member of PMA Class 2009.

**7:30 a.m.: Baylos (seated, second fro right) awaits her fir military hairc**



**1:30 p.m.: The country's future military leaders march in formation to the PMA main administration building**

**3:30 p.m.: Now sworn in as a member of the AFP Cadet Corps, Baylosis (center) is officially received by the PMA Cadet Corps with a series of exercise drills**



**5:10 p.m.: A new chapter in her life begins as Baylosis moves to her designated barracks with gear in tow**



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# This Week

## Art

**Tri-Angle** shows three visual artists-Nannette Guinto Amorado, Tess Esguerra Tarnate and Rusty Gregorio-interpreting common subjects in three different ways and three different moods. Until Sept. 10 at The Art Gallery of the Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue, QC.

**Infernal Hunger**, a painting exhibit depicting the moribund state of poverty and default of social justice by Burog, Bogie and Nuklar Alvarado at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila until Sept. 14. For details, call 523-3331.

**Retroactive**, a retrospective of art created by Asian Cultural Council grantees, Sept. 1 to Oct. 15 at the CCP Main Gallery. The exhibit will focus on the art of ACC grantees since the first grant was conferred on National Artist Jose Joya in 1967 to present.

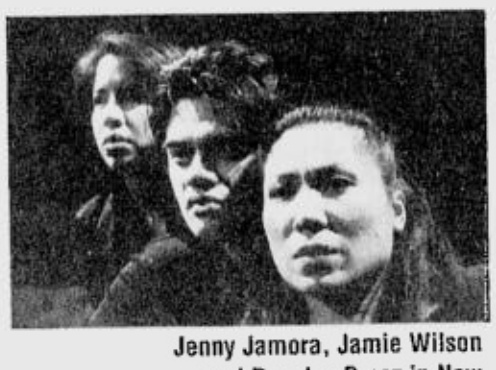
**Memory of Philippines** showcases paintings that recall Spaniard Gines Serran Pagan's fond memories of his time in the Philippines. Exhibit runs from Sept. 2 to 18 at Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A. For details, call 634-3261.

*"Tejas Blancas"* by Ginés Serran-Pagan, on view at Galleria Duemila

## Music

SinagTala showcases works of Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, Villalobos and Metallica as performed by cellists from the PPO, SMPO, and MMCO in **Bach to Metallica: An All Cello Concert** on August 28, 4 p.m. at Philam Theater, United Nations Avenue, Manila. Tickets are priced at P1,000, P500 and P300 with a 50 percent discount for students and seniors with ID at the P1,000 and P500 sections (maximum of two per ID).

The **Manila Chamber Orchestra Arts Festival** will open on Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. with the Metro Manila Community Orchestra, a young orchestra supported by the Miriam College, with soloist Aima Lagos, a Filipina pianist based in Vienna. On Sept. 10, 6 p.m. the MCO Foundation will feature soprano Rachelle Gerodias with collaborating pianist Najib Ismail. In this concert, Gerodias will give honors to the sopranos who have greatly inspired her singing-Maestra Iniguez, Arelen Aguilar, Mirella Freni and Victoria Delos Angeles. To be presented at the Equitable PCIBank's Francisco Santiago Hall, Makati Avenue, Makati City. For tickets, call 840-7000 loc. 2630.



Jenny Jamora, Jamie Wilson and Roselyn Perez in New Voice Company's "Frozen"

**Concert at the Park** presents an hour of Pinoy alternative music featuring the young trio of Cha Esquila (lead guitar/vocals), Chong Real (bass/vocals) and Jorj Trinidad (drums), collectively known as The Harsh Band. This Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium. Admission is free.

## Onstage

**Footloose the Musical** will be staged in Manila by Stages Production from Sept. 2 to 25 at the Meralco Theater. In the small, heartland town of Bomont, dancing, rock 'n' roll and partying of any kind is prohibited by law. Imagine the effect this decree has on the town's young people who, though resigned to their mundane fate, are just hormonally driven time bombs just waiting to explode. Cast includes Jay-R, Iya Villania, Jonard Yanzon, Audie Gemora, Agot Isidro, Carla Martinez, among others. For tickets, call Ticketworld at 891-9999 or 635-4478 and 631-7252.

The Japan Foundation in cooperation with the University of the Philippines-Center for International Studies and the Cultural Center of the Philippines present **Unravel Noh**, a recital-performance of dance excerpts from Noh plays and the modern play, **A Coffee Shop Within the Play** written and directed by Naohiko Umewaka, on Sept. 2, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute (Studio Theater). The Noh is a classical Japanese stage art form which combines elements of dance, drama, music and poetry into a highly aesthetic performance. Its main actor (shite) wears a mask to create a variety of expressions in the viewers mind. Tickets for "Unravel Noh" CCP performances are sold for P100 (regular)/ P50 (student). For inquiries and sales, please contact the CCP at 832-1125.

William Shakespeare's **The Taming of the Shrew** goes onstage at REP's Globe Theater at Onstage in Greenbelt 1 from Sept. 2 to 25. Director Bart Guingona has elected to present Shakespeare's romantic comedy as it was originally presented—with an all-male cast. Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua wishes to marry off his two beautiful daughters Bianca and Katherine. The sweet Bianca has many suitors but will not marry before Katherine whose shrewish temper terrifies men and prevents them from approaching her. The play will have special subscriber performances on Sept. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 4 and 25 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets available at Ayala Ticketron and Ticketworld outlets. For details, call 887-0710 or email at rep@broline.com.

New Voice Company stages Brydny Lavory's **Frozen**, a play of deep compassion and faith, and more importantly, about forgiveness. It is the story of a mother who must cope with her 10-year-old daughter's disappearance and retreats into a state of frozen hope. It stars Jenny Jamora, Roselyn Perez and Jamie Wilson. To be staged at the Republic of Malate on Sept. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinee performances on Sept. 10 and 17 at 4 p.m. Tickets available at all Ticketworld outlets (tel. 891-9999), Robinsons Department Stores (Galleria and Malate), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum, Glorietta 1 and Greenbelt 1 or call New Voice Company at 896-6695.

## Food

**Benkay**, Dusit Hotel Nikko's Japanese restaurant, offers new menu items for diners to enjoy. Sample *Amaebi-kani-uchiko-ae* (Salted crab roe mixed with northern shrimps) or the *Ika-somen* (Strips of squid with ginger and kizaminori served with light soy sauce) and more that guarantees to satisfy one's craving for **Japanese cuisine**. For inquiries, call 867-3333.

This September, take your palate on an adventure with the latest bite-size delights straight from Makati Shangri-La's very own pastry kitchen—the **Green Tea and Ube Pralines** at Sinfully Circles. The extraordinary dessert is made from native delicacy ube and exotic green team with luscious fillings that leave a taste of the tropics. For inquiries, call 813-8888 local 7463.

Witness the return of **classic tableside service** at Mandarin Oriental, Manila's premier restaurant, **The Tivoli**, when it reopens in September in a stylish new setting. The Tivoli will bring back the days of elegant dining when the wait staff dazzle diners with flambéing, slicing or saucing-bringing culinary art into an entertainment form. For reservations, call 750-8888 ext. 2431.

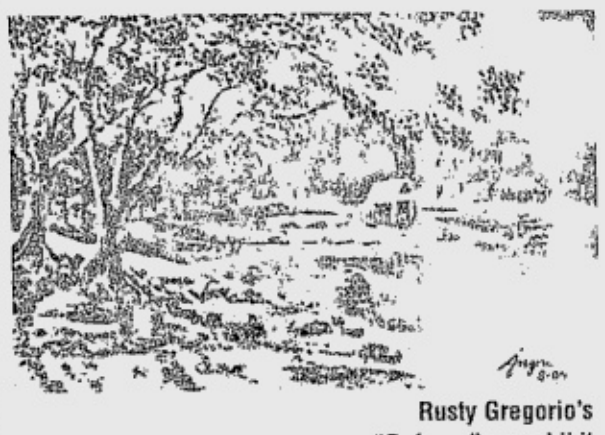


Sample Bourbon Flamed King Prawns at Mandarin Oriental's The Tivoli

## Atbp

**ArtXchange** is the first art fair in Manila to focus solely on contemporary art of all media with the additional caveat that all the work must be P10,000 and below. Artists exhibit paintings, photography, works on paper, and sculpture of all media. The next ArtXchange will be held today from 11 a.m. to sundown at Lumiere Gallery terrace space, L. V. Locsin Building, Ayala corner Makati Avenues, Makati City.

Ayala Museum invites interested individuals to join the **Ayala Museum Docent Council**. A training program has been scheduled every Saturday of September, beginning Sept. 3. The Docent Council is envisioned as a group of dedicated individuals willing to volunteer their time and skills in assisting the museum in the areas of tours, membership and public programs. Ayala Museum is looking for individuals with the following characteristics: interest in art, history and culture; flexibility and willingness to learn; a professional and welcoming attitude; public speaking skills; leadership; adaptability to different learning styles and abilities, ingenuity and imagination. Deadline for submission of application form is Sept. 2. For details, call 757-7117 to 21 local 14.



Rusty Gregorio's "Refuge," on exhibit at The Art Gallery of the Philippine Heart Center

On Sept. 8, Maryhill School of Theology will hold its first **MST Family Grand Reunion**. The event will gather past and present administrators, resource persons, graduates, students, benefactors and friends. Highlights of the event include a discussion forum on present social and ecclesiastical issues, a multimedia presentation on the past and present activities of MST and the contextualized Misa ng Bayang Pilipino. The gathering will be capped by a barbecue party and cultural presentation in the evening. For details, call 721-2695.

The Japan Foundation, Manila will officially open its pioneering innovative course for Nihongo teachers on Sept. 3 at the Japanese Association, Manila Inc., 21/F, Trident Tower, 312 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Salcedo Village, Makati City. **The Japanese Language Education & Research Course** aims to equip the select group (first batch) of 10 participants the necessary knowledge concerning Japanese linguistics and language teaching. For details, call 811-6155.

Green Tea and Ube Pralines at Makati Shangri-La's Sinfully Circles

**For this week's bands and schedules call:**

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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# Pinoy Ngal

# Dr. Dayrit ...from page 1

foods, were blamed for increased levels of cholesterol that clogged arteries and caused heart disease. Lipid Diet-Heart Theory, it was called. Western-trained Filipino doctors blindly accepted it, and findings that challenged the theory were largely ignored.

### Refuted claims

"Brainwashing," Dayrit calls it. There was no attempt, he rues, to confirm or refute the derogatory claims against the oil that earlier generations of Asians had used for their well-being. Research done in the Philippines, Dayrit adds, was on the agricultural and industrial aspects. Not on health.

Dayrit narrates that the campaign against the coconut that started in the 1930s reached its peak in the 1980s with "The Poisoning of America" campaign against tropical oils. The US seed oil industry benefited. Coconut oil had to hide behind the "vegetable oil" label.

There is more to the bad press against the coconut oil, but there is a lot more about how it is currently regaining its good name, thanks to scientists like Dayrit and his American counterpart, Dr. Bruce Fife (author of "The Healing Miracles of Coconut Oil"), who wrote the foreword for Dayrit's book.

The key to this reversal was not so much an aggressive media campaign as it was a thorough scientific research that not only yielded proofs debunking anti-coconut claims, but showed the oil's healing potency as a medicine. It, in fact, prevents heart disease and cures many ailments—a case of finding more than you seek.

Dayrit explains that, yes, coconut oil is a saturated fat, but the wonder of it is that it is a medium-chain fatty acid (MCFA), not long-chain like what is found in animal fats and other vegetable oils. It is a pharmacologist and biochemist's dream find. This is at the core of Dayrit's thesis that the oil is special, and there is nothing in the world like it.

### Breakthrough cures

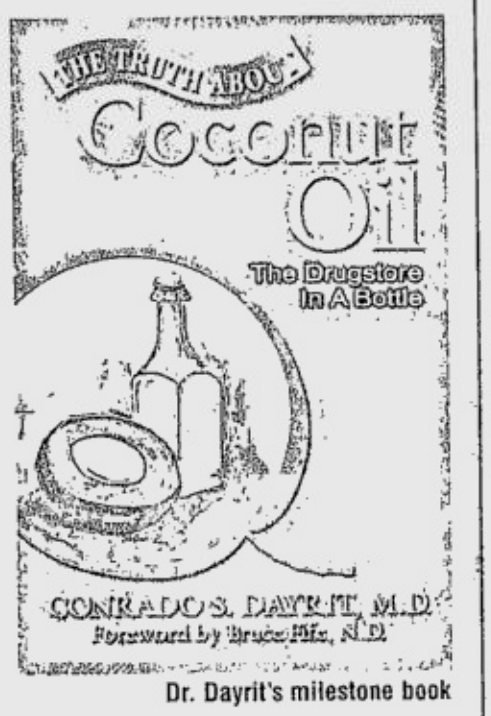
Dayrit made sure that his "The Truth About Coconut Oil" is for all types—the uninitiated who know little chemistry, those who eat atoms and molecules for breakfast, medical practitioners and scientists in search of breakthrough cures.

"Dr. Dayrit," wrote Dr. Fife, "was the first to demonstrate, under controlled clinical conditions, that coconut oil could be of benefit to HIV-infected individuals. His landmark 1998 study established the fact that coconut oil alone could lower the viral load of HIV-infected patients and improve their overall health."

The promising results of his studies on the monoglyceride of the lauric acid of coconut oil are now the basis for continued trials to alleviate the suffering of millions in countries such as Africa.

Dayrit is more than the sum of all his achievements as a medical practitioner and science man.

An only child, Dayrit grew up in Manila during the American colonial period. His father was a high-ranking official of the US government. Dayrit enjoyed Western comforts and went to Catholic schools—Holy Ghost College, San Beda College and Ateneo de Manila. For medicine, it was the University of the Philippines. For further training, he went to the University of Michigan, Cornell University, New York Hospital, Kansas University and University of Rochester.




Dr. Dayrit's milestone book

### Long list

Dayrit has over 200 scientific papers published in international and national journals. He co-founded the Philippine Heart Foundation in 1952 and several medical societies. He served as president of the National Academy of Science and Technology, the highest scientific body in the country. The list of his medical involvements and accomplishments is long.

A man with a keen sense of history, Dayrit always puts his medical training (he belongs to UP Medicine Class of 1943, of which he was president) in the context of World War II. Ah, he could go on and on. His class' 60th anniversary publication, which Dayrit wrote and put together, is a historical treasure trove. Class '43 is a class all its own with its share of war martyrs, heroes and distinguished men and women who became Who's Who in their fields.

"Class '43 bore the brunt of servicing the Philippine General Hospital during the bombing and the battle of Bataan," Dayrit wrote. His way of saying, that is where and when real life began.

Ever with an inquiring mind, Dayrit says the goal of medicine is to cure and not just to alleviate symptoms. Treatment should involve deep thinking, going into the basics of the disease.

Science has not blurred the basics of his Christian faith. A staunch Catholic, Dayrit believes nothing happens by chance. "Evolution, all the laws of chemistry and physics—it would be the biggest stupidity to think that they happened by chance.'" And he delivers a strong statement for those who tamper with life.

Dr. Conrado Dayrit's discoveries were the fruits of a long search and research, and did not happen by chance.

**Stella Chiu had a great career as a documentary producer in Manila. She gave that up to follow her wildlife photographer husband and live amidst nature in the wide, open spaces of Australia—and has never looked back**

Water babies: Stella and Yogi Freund diving in Osprey Reef in Australia on board the 'Undersea Explorer' in August 2002, on their first trip to the Great Barrier Reef

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Pinoy Connection

*by Alya B. Honasan*

# Giving It All Up for Love *and* Adventure—Forever

**FIRST met my friend Stella Chiu when we were in college at the Ateneo de Manila, and our respective gangs shared the same hangout in Colayco Hall. I was a psychology major, and she was a small, gregarious but very Pinoy-thinking Chinese girl taking up social science, who used to wear a Mao hat to school with scruffy jeans. But we only became good friends after graduation, when we worked together in an advertising agency en route to what we really wanted to do in life. I went on to write for a living; she became a producer of documentaries and books, eventually zooming in on the environment as her subject of choice and expertise—which, in turn would lead her to the love of her life, and the extraordinary life she now leads.**

Today, Stella lives in Cairns, Australia, with her husband, award-winning German wildlife photographer Jürgen "Yogi" Freund. Together, the two comb the vast expanse of the Australian continent and nearby exotic spots, doing photo stories for some of world's leading wildlife and underwater magazines. One day, they're climbing cliffs and trekking forests in Exmouth in Western Australia, side trips on the way to shooting the whale sharks of Ningaloo Reef.

On another day, they're diving the incredible underwater world of Papua New Guinea, where a dive site has even been named in Yogi's honor. For the nature lover, it is a dream life of adventure, close encounters with exquisite creatures of land and sea, and reveling in the world's wide open spaces. And for Stella, it's been a long road from her Chinoy middle-class upbringing to this, a life and a passion shared with the soulmate she recognized almost instantly.

## Integrity earned

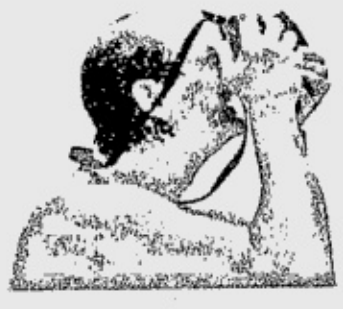
Stella Marie Fung Chiu Freund was born in Manila in 1965, the youngest of five children. Her father died when Stella was only 11, and it would take many years—and a memorable psychology class hypnosis session with none other than Fr. Jaime Bulatao, SJ—for Stella to come to terms with her feelings of being left behind by her father at a young age.

"I thought my happy world had ended when my dad died suddenly one horrible Sunday afternoon," Stella recalls. "My mom, who didn't even finish elementary, had to start working to raise five kids, because she realized there was no money."

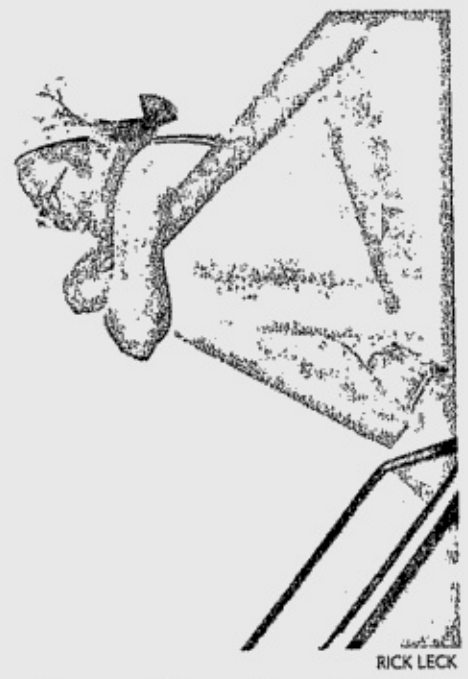
Not only did Pacita Chiu lose a husband; she had to suffer having her husband's business and inheritance stolen by his relatives. "At a young age, I wanted to study law so I could sue the hell out of my father's siblings," Stella recalls. "But eventually, I learned to let go. It was only money. Money can be earned, but not integrity."

It was not an easy life, as *Tita* Pacita worked hard to support her children and send them to the best schools. "She wanted all five of us to go to college in Ateneo, because my dad studied there," Stella says. "She borrowed money from her eldest brother and then worked her butt off to pay her debts. She would buy and sell anything—life insurance, memorial plans, Saladmaster pots and pans, Rainbow vacuum cleaners, *asado*. She's my superwoman, and I love her to bits."

The legendary homemade *asado* was a hit among Stella's friends, and I still remember how it tastes. I also recall once mentioning that I needed a small fire extinguisher for my home, and *voila*—*Tita* Pacita produced one for me to buy.



Soulmates: Stella hams it up for her husband's camera



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Still, it was a good childhood spent growing up in a compound with huge mango trees to climb. Stella herself would straddle Chinese traditions and beliefs and the worlds of her many Pinoy friends. She took all the ribbing in stride, about her being *Intsik* and other idiosyncrasies, such as her legendary clumsy moments and a well-known inability to have a drink without passing out.

During our Blue Roast, the Ateneo's equivalent of a batch graduation party, Stella and her gang were tasked with getting us emcees drunk—until she ended up crawling up the stage stairs herself, drink in hand.

After working as an advertising account executive and producer for seven years, she began free-lancing, a move that dramatically expanded her world. She produced documentaries on such topics as poverty alleviation for the Ramos administration and the peace process for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). "I enjoyed how I could sink my teeth into a project. The experience always made me richer in spirit. It made me see humanity from all walks of life."

A video on the Agusan Marsh showed her nature and wildlife "that I never imagined we had in the Philippines—purple herons, cormorants, crocodiles. Documentary making has brought me to many places, and I've met some amazing people in the process."

## Dream documentaries

Working obsessively, Stella whipped together a first-rate cast and crew on a limited budget for Bookmark and Ateneo de Manila's acclaimed documentary on "Jose Rizal: *Ang Buhay Ng Isang Bayani*," "my first and last historical documentary," where she met then Bookmark head honcho and now World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-Philippines president Lory Tan, the executive producer of the project, with whom she would make several dream documentaries.

We traveled to the Philippines' most pristine natural hotspots for Bookmark's "Quiet Places: Ecotourism in the Philippines" in 1998, for which I wrote the script, and for which she had to learn to scuba-dive. In 1999, after five years of immersion among the T'boli of Lake Sebu, Cotabato, she produced "Dreamweavers," a documentary with an accompanying coffee table book. She later became the local fixer and production manager for several locally-shot features of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), such as "State of the Planet" and "The Last Surrender: The Lt. Onoda Story."

It was in 1999 that she met her future husband. Yogi Freund was already a widely published nature photographer from Dortmund, Germany. He was a mechanical engineer and industrial photographer before he answered "the call of the sea" and became a full-time freelance marine photographer in 1995. He also did a lot of work for WWF, and had just won a prestigious World Press Photo Award for Photojournalism for his report on the whale shark hunters of Pamilacan in Bohol.

"In 1999, at age 34, I had remained single and had never had a boyfriend," Stella says. "I point the accusing finger at work and meeting no one significant enough to lose sleep over." Then she was hired by an ad agency to produce TV commercials for a PLDT campaign called Wildlife Wonders. She had to buy a Jürgen Freund photograph of a whale shark with a diver, and so she met with the man one day in March at the WWF office in Quezon City.

"When I met him, I knew he was the one. We had meals together. He won a World Press Award. He left for Germany. I was heartbroken." They exchanged feverish e-mail and phone calls for four months and fell deeply in love through letters. Yogi relocated to Manila in December of 1999, and they were married in Germany in 2000.

## Low-maintenance person

Later on, after the couple worked on the book "Sulu-Sulawesi Seas" for WWF, Stella had to accept that Manila was not an ideal home base for her husband. "Yogi was slowly going nuts in Manila, what with the poverty and the mess. He often told me, 'I'm a wildlife photographer. I need to photograph wildlife.'" He broached the subject of moving to Australia on the second year of the marriage, but Stella wouldn't have it, until she went with him on a trip to the Great Barrier Reef for a story for a German dive magazine, and realized that this huge continent was indeed Yogi's idea of paradise. They settled in Australia in June 2003. "Leaving friends and family in Manila was the hardest part about relocating to Oz," she says. "The Pinoy humor and the laughter and the swardspeak of my gay friends, I miss a lot. The warm waters while diving, I miss a lot. *Lechon manok*, I miss like crazy! But it's great living here. We are surrounded by nature, reef and rainforest." The Freunds live five minutes from the beach in Yorkey's Knob in Cairns, with the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree National Park minutes away. "Pelicans walk about in the early mornings, and there are flying foxes roosting in the backyard," Stella recounts.

She has no regrets giving up large-scale production work—"I did my best, and it was time to move on"— and has her hands full organizing materials and assignments and helping produce Yogi's stories. Happily, she calls herself "a low maintenance person," so living a simple life is easy. She hardly has a reason to dress up and hasn't had a massage or a facial in years, but when I visited her on a dive trip last July, she and Yogi had just returned from a three-month, 20,000-kilometer road trip through Australia. They dove, swam, climbed and literally lived in their van, Carla. "It was amazing," she says.

Stella still dreams of producing another book or two with Yogi someday, and maybe having a gallery of their own to showcase Yogi's stunning work.

With their lifestyle, children do not figure in the equation, a decision they arrived at mutually. But there will always be things to do and places to go. "We mainly produce photos for European magazines and to send to Yogi's photo libraries in different parts of the world. And that's a lot of work for me and him to do, forever."

And for Stella, who gave up her former life to find a new one, in a great big country beside the person she loves most in all the world, forever means no looking back.